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Recast is the magical adventure story of a boy,

JD, who wants to be the Master of Magicians

in a world full of magical particles, BOXES.

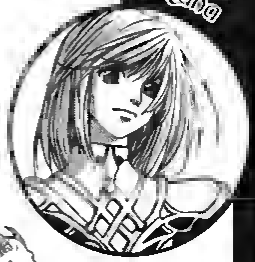
JD is chased by assassins and monsters

because of his latent abilities, which had been secret.

God sends enemies against JD and just watches.

Will JD become the Master of Magicians?

# RECAST




JD

ONCE UPON A TIME, THERE WAS A REALM DIVIDED INTO THREE-- THE FOURTH, FIFTH AND SIXTH WORLDS. THE SIXTH WORLD IS LIKE A PARADISE, THE FOURTH LIKE HELL. IN THE FIFTH WORLD, ON A DISK SEPARATED INTO TWO LEVELS, LIVE ALL IN BETWEEN...

TWELVE-YEAR OLD JD IS A YOUNG BOY WHO WAS RAISED BY HIS GRANDFATHER, GRIFFORD, IN THE FIFTH WORLD.

JD HAS TWO SPELLS CAST ON HIM--AN ELECTRIFYING CHASTITY SPELL AND A MYSTERIOUS RECAST SPELL.

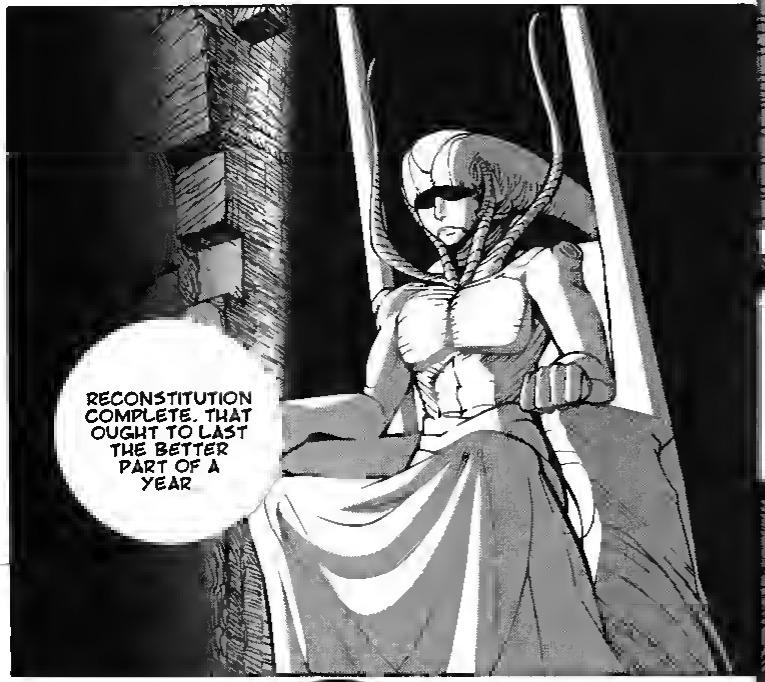
ONE DAY, A PUPPET BOUNTY HUNTER--A SERVANT OF THE FOURTH WORLD--KILLED GRIFFORD. GRIFFORD'S LAST WISH WAS FOR JD TO SEEK OUT BLAISE, GRIFFORD'S OLD FRIEND AND A VAMPIRE LORD, AND THEN TRAVEL TO THE FOURTH WORLD.

AFTER MUCH MISADVENTURE, JD FOUND BLAISE. BUT THE VAMPIRE LORD REFUSED TO HELP JD, AS HE WAS BOUND TO THE JADE REGION BY HIS SISTER CARMEN. BUT WHEN CARMEN DABBLED IN MAGIC OUTSIDE HER LEAGUE, JD AND BLAISE HAD TO TRAVEL TO FIND A MYSTICAL WOLF WHO COULD REMOVE HER CURSE.

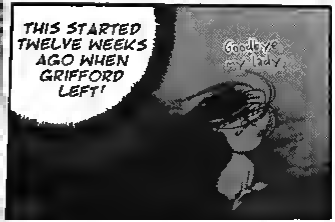
INSTEAD, THEY FOUND THE WOLF'S INEXPERIENCED SON, WHO HAS A CURSE ON HIS FACE THAT PETRIFIES ALL WHO SEE IT. NOW THE THREE OF THEM ARE HEADED BACK TO THE JADE REGION TO SAVE CARMEN, AND HOPEFULLY, DISCOVER WHO JD REALLY IS AND WHY HE MUST JOURNEY TO THE FOURTH WORLD.

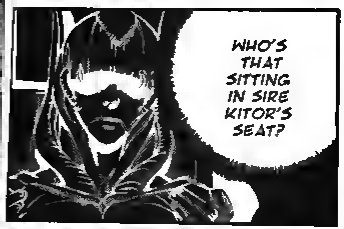
BUT MEANWHILE, THE MOTHERS AND SISTER OF THE SUPREME EVIL RULER OF THE FOURTH WORLD ARE PLOTTING SOMETHING SINISTER, AS IS THE ROTTEN "GODDESS" OF THE SIXTH WORLD, EOMAIA...

IF I'M NOT DREAMING, THEN HOW COULD SIRE KITOR BE LIFELESS...?
THIS IS A NIGHTMARE...
WE MUST RECONSTITUTE MY DEAR BROTHER
WE RISK OUR PLOT BEING UNCOVERED IF WE DRAG THIS OUT. EVERYONE'S ALREADY ON EDGE BECAUSE WE'RE PROHIBITING ENTRY TO THE CASTLE.
GO AHEAD, DAUGHTER.
INITIATING THE RECONSTITUTION PROCESS. WHAT IS YOUR NAME?
KITOR. THE SUPREME RULER OF THE FOURTH WORLD.
WHY DO YOU EXIST?
TO OBEY MY MOTHERS.
AND IF YOUR FIANCÉE SAID OTHERWISE...?
I WOULD ELIMINATE HER.

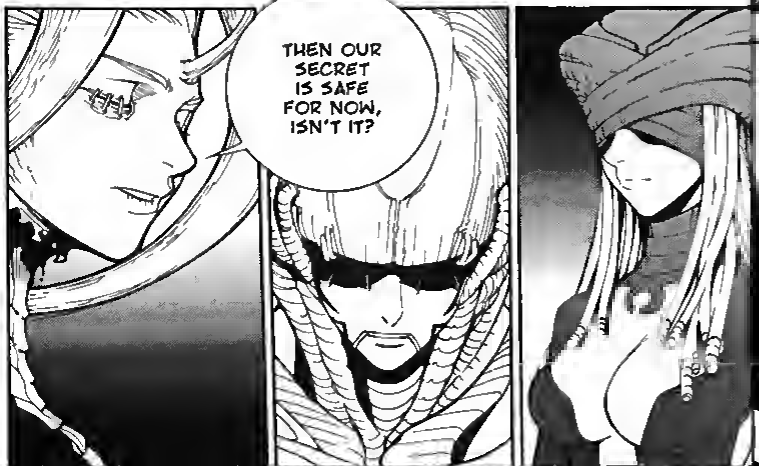

RECONSTITUTION COMPLETE. THAT OUGHT TO LAST THE BETTER PART OF A YEAR

HOW COULD I HAVE NOT KNOWN ALL THIS TIME?
I'M AN IDIOT!

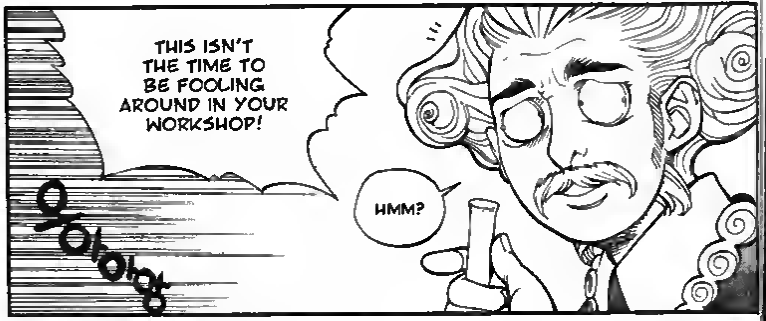

THIS STARTED TWELVE WEEKS AGO WHEN GRIFFORD LEFT!

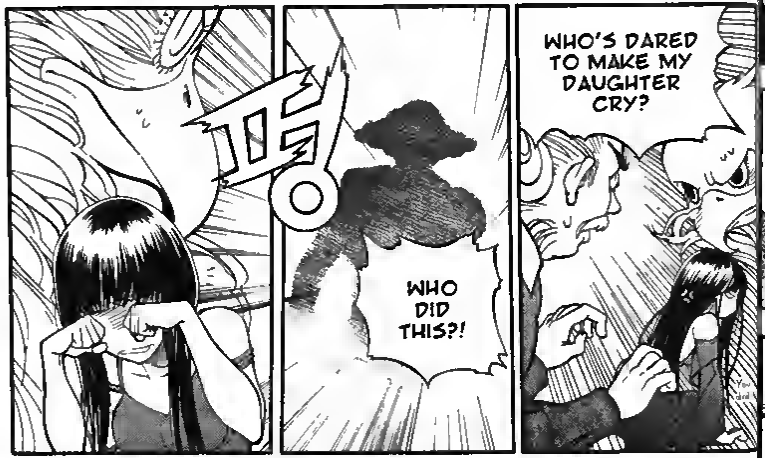

WHO'S THAT SITTING IN SIRE KITOR'S SEAT?

IF SIRE KITOR REALLY IS DEAD. THEN WHAT IS THAT? IS IT SIRE KITOR'S BODY? OR SOMETHING ELSE?

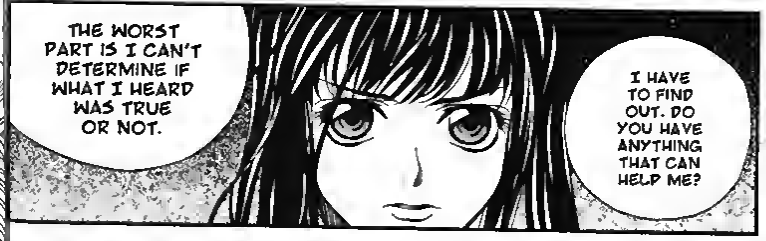

THEN OUR SECRET IS SAFE FOR NOW, ISN'T IT?

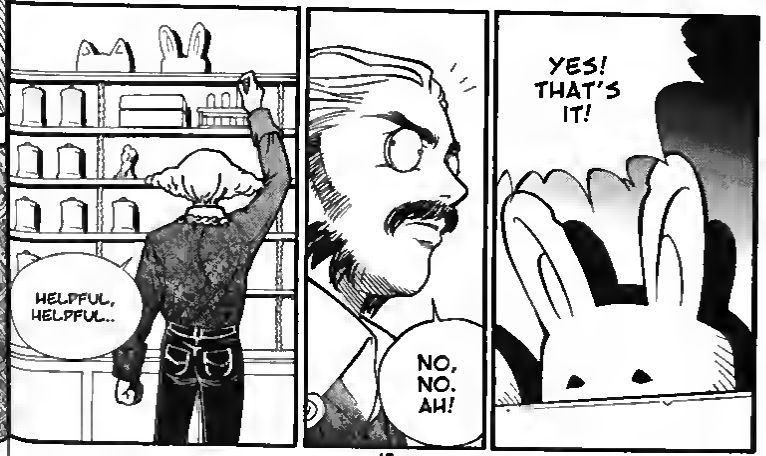
HMM?
LADY LAIN?!
LAIN RETURNED TO HER HOME, THE RESIDENCE OF THE DARK OCEAN FAMILY...
...RENOWNED POTION MAKERS AND MAGICAL WEAPONS MANU-FACTURERS FOR GENER-ATIONS.
HM? LAIN?
DAD, YOU HAVE TO HELP ME!
...
DAD!
...
I'M GONNA FIND OUT! I CAN'T JUST SIT AROUND HERE NOT KNOWING WHAT HAPPENED TO MY FIANCE!
I REALLY HOPE WHAT THEY SAID ISN'T TRUE. PLEASE BE SAFE, SIRE KITOR.
YOU'RE HEAVY!

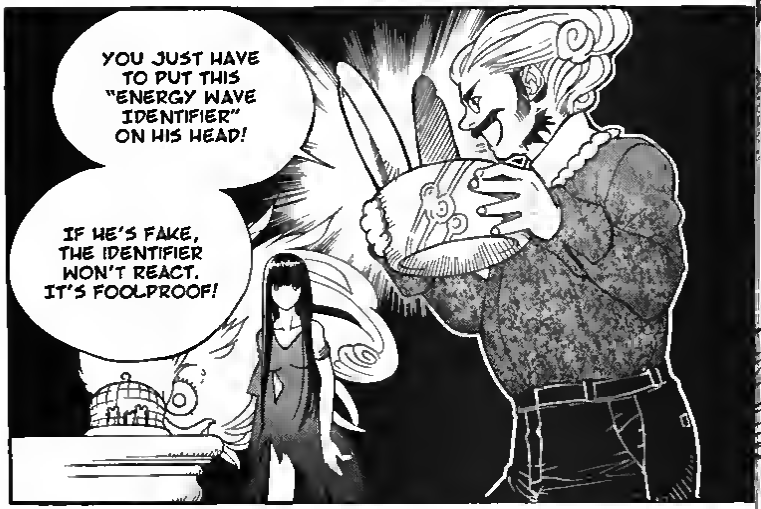

THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO BE FOOLING AROUND IN YOUR WORKSHOP!
HMM?
GGLOBG

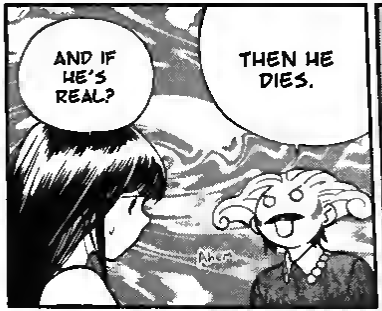

WHO DID THIS?!
WHO'S DARED TO MAKE MY DAUGHTER CRY?

I THOUGHT SOMETHING WAS STRANGE WITH KITOR THESE DAYS.
HE TOSSED ME OUT AFTER I PRESENTED HIM WITH MY MASTERPIECES "BOOTY DANCIN' LADIES" AND "BAD BREATH LIPSTICK." I REALLY COULDN'T MAKE SENSE OF WHY BUT YOUR EXPLANATION MAKES PERFECT SENSE.
I DON'T THINK THAT'S RELATED


THE WORST PART IS I CAN'T DETERMINE IF WHAT I HEARD WAS TRUE OR NOT.
I HAVE TO FIND OUT. DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING THAT CAN HELP ME?

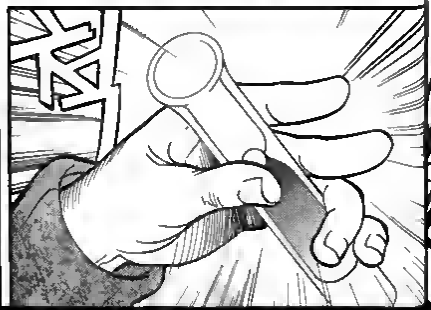

HELPFUL, HELPFUL..
NO, NO. AH!
YES! THAT'S IT!

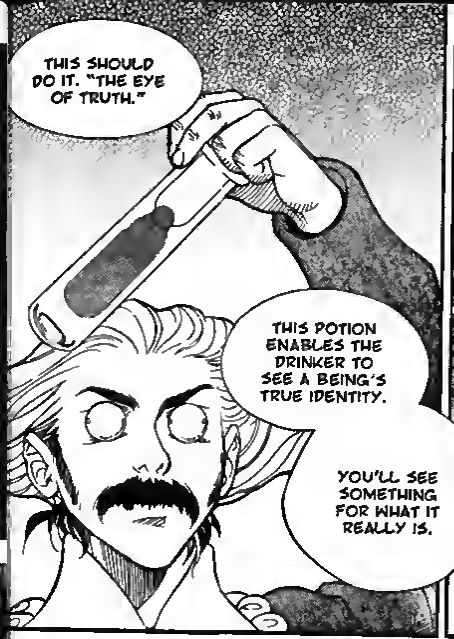

YOU JUST HAVE TO PUT THIS "ENERGY WAVE IDENTIFIER" ON HIS HEAD!
IF HE'S FAKE, THE IDENTIFIER WON'T REACT. IT'S FOOLPROOF!


AND IF HE'S REAL?
THEN HE DIES.

EH?
UM, IF ANYONE DIES, SHOULDN'T IT BE THE FAKE ONE?

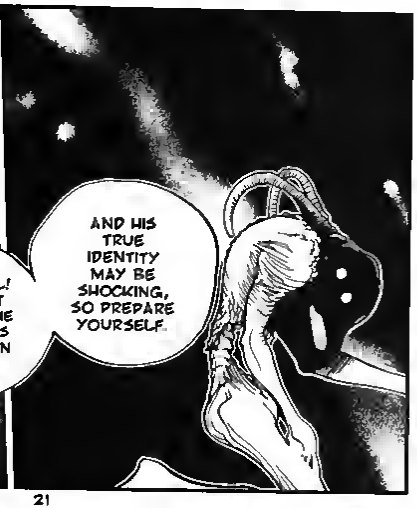
AH, THANKS FOR POINTING OUT THAT FLAW.




THIS SHOULD DO IT. "THE EYE OF TRUTH."
THIS POTION ENABLES THE DRINKER TO SEE A BEING'S TRUE IDENTITY.
YOU'LL SEE SOMETHING FOR WHAT IT REALLY IS.

...
IF THAT FELLOW ISN'T THE REAL KITOR, WHAT WILL APPEAR WHEN YOU LOOK AT HIM IS THE IMPOSTER'S FORM.

OKAY. I'LL TAKE THAT.
CAREFUL! I DON'T KNOW THE POTION'S DURATION YET


AND HIS TRUE IDENTITY MAY BE SHOCKING, SO PREPARE YOURSELF.

Castle of the Supreme Ruler
THE ENTRY PROHIBITION HAS BEEN LIFTED TODAY. YOU MAY ENTER.
I MUST DO THIS! FOR SIRE KITOR!
THE AIR IN HERE IS SO THICK. YOU KNOW, IT'S BEEN THIS WAY FOR A WHILE, I JUST HADN'T NOTICED.
IT NEVER OCCURRED TO ME TO NOTICE BEFORE.
LAIN?
HAVE YOU COME TO SEE KITOR?
LADY KYRIE!
KITOR IS IN THE AUDIENCE CHAMBER.
AH, YES. THANK YOU, LADY KYRIE.
AWK-WARD!
SO, HOW HAVE YOU TWO BEEN GETTING ALONG THESE DAYS?
IT SEEMS THAT YOU HAVEN'T SEEN MUCH OF EACH OTHER LATELY.
I COULDN'T.
I THOUGHT YOU KNEW THERE WAS AN ENTRY PROHIBI-TION HERE.

WE'RE JUST FINE, THOUGH
WE'RE LOVEY-DOVEY.
'KAY
LAIN...
...YOU DON'T NEED TO LIE TO ME.
?
YOU CAN ALWAYS COME TO ME WHEN THINGS GO BAD WITH HIM.
HUH?
HOW SWEET OF YOU. YES, THAT'D BE NICE. IT'D MAKE ME FEEL A LOT BETTER IF I HAD SOMEONE TO VENT WITH AFTER HE AND I HAVE A FIGHT.
DON'T BE SO COY.
I WANT YOU TO BE MINE ♡

IT'LL HAPPEN ANY DAY NOW.
"I WANT YOU TO BE MINE." ♡
DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!
Bah!
Bah!
YOU THINK YOU CAN OWN ME?!
SIRE KITOR! COME BACK SO I DON'T HAVE TO PUT UP WITH THIS ABUSE!

OKAY, I'M READY.

GULP
"HIS TRUE IDENTITY MAY BE SHOCKING, SO PREPARE YOURSELF."

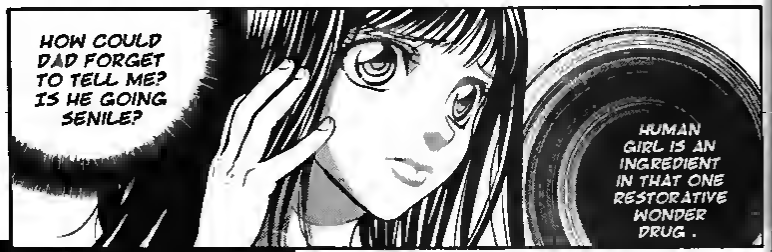
AH, LAIN. WELCOME.
IT'S NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN, DEAR.

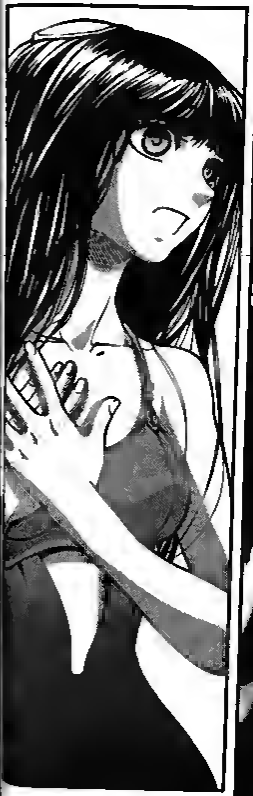
WELL IT'S NOT NICE TO SEE YOU! GO AWAY!
SAME HERE. HAVE YOU BEEN WELL?
I'VE GOTTA KILL SOME TIME BEFORE THE POTION TAKES AFFECT. I'M NERVOUS...
IT WAS AWFUL HARD NOT BEING ABLE TO ENTER THE CASTLE.

OH, THE PROHIBITION? YOU NEEDN'T HAVE CONCERNED YOURSELF WITH THAT.
I CANNOT WAIT...
ME, EITHER...
?

WHOA, I CAN HEAR THEM?!
SO THE POTION LETS YOU HEAR PEOPLE'S TRUE THOUGHTS AS WELL AS SEE THEIR TRUE IDENTITIES?!

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS! THAT'S WHAT THEY WERE THINKING?!
SIRE KITOR, HOW COULD--


HOW COULD DAD FORGET TO TELL ME? IS HE GOING SENILE?
HUMAN GIRL IS AN INGREDIENT IN THAT ONE RESTORATIVE WONDER DRUG .



HUH?

THEIR SPIRITS ARE DELICIOUS.
WE'LL HAVE HER FATHER MAKE THE DRUG.

OH MY GOD! A DOLL?!
WHAT HAPPENED, SIRE KITOR? WHERE DID YOU GO?
DID YOU REALLY DIE?
SIRE KITOR...
IS SOMETHING WRONG, LAIN?
AH!
...
NO! WELL, MY STOMACH FEELS URPY, SO IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME--!
I HAVE TO GO TAKE SOME MEDICINE!
...
DO YOU TRUST HER?

I ASKED EVERYONE-- LAND FAIRIES, TREE FAIRIES...
...BUT NO ONE'S HEARD OF A BODY BURIED RECENTLY IN SECRET.
BUT THEY SAY KITOR'S ENERGY LEVEL DROPPED OFF THE CHARTS AFTER GRIFFORD LEFT.
I WONDER IF GRIFFORD KNEW ABOUT SIRE KITOR?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO...
IF ONLY GRIFFORD WERE ALIVE...
"WE MUST FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THIS CHILD JD."
"THE RECAST OF THE GREAT TRAITOR GRIFFORD."
HA

I'M GOING TO GO TO THE FIFTH WORLD.
IF THAT'S WHERE GRIFFORD'S RECAST IS, THEN I HAVE TO GO THERE AND FIND HIM. GRIFFORD MUST HAVE MADE HIM WITH SOME PURPOSE IN MIND.
THERE MUST BE SOME CONNECTION TO SIRE KITOR'S DEATH.
DAD!
OH NO! I WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE MADE SOMETHING BY THIS MORNING!
GOODNESS, I THOUGHT I KNEW BETTER. SHOWS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU RAISE A PET THAT CAN HYPNOTIZE YOU.
YEAH, YOU SHOULDA KNOWN.
ANYWAY--
HUH? WHY ARE YOU DRESSED LIKE THAT?
ARE YOU GOING SOMEWHERE?

YES. TO THE FIFTH WORLD.
TO FIND GRIFFORD'S RECAST.
IF A PROBLEM SHOULD ARISE BECAUSE OF MY DISAPPEARANCE...
...YOU SHOULD BE SAFE. YOU'RE THE WORLD'S FOREMOST CREATOR OF MAGICAL ITEMS.
??
NO, NO!
DO YOU EVEN KNOW HOW TO GET TO THE FIFTH WORLD?!
THROUGH... VOLCANO LATEN?
I THOUGHT AS MUCH!
YOU'LL MELT BEFORE YOU EVER PASS THROUGH THE VOLCANO, DEAR.
SURE GORGON DID, BUT NO ONE'S SEEN FEATHER OR FLIGHT OF HIM FOR TWO MONTHS HE MIGHT HAVE BURNT TO A CRISP
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF
W-WAIT A SECOND!
DON'T STOP ME! I'M GOING TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO SIRE KITOR!
THEN HOW DO I GET TO THE FIFTH WORLD?
YOU CAN GET THERE IF SOMEONE THERE SUMMONS YOU.

OH, LIKE WHEN GRIFFORD SUMMONED SIRE KITOR.
BUT NO ONE KNOWS ME THERE! AND WHAT WOULD A SUMMONING SPELL LIKE THAT EVEN BE?
YOUR MOM KNOWS IT.
WELL, IT'S BEEN TWO MONTHS SINCE I'VE HAD CONTACT WITH YOUR MOM. LET'S TRY.
I REALLY SHOULDN'T BE USING THIS FOR A CONFIDENTIAL CALL LIKE THIS IT'S NOT SECURE.
BUT AT THE MOMENT, THIS IS THE ONLY THING THAT CAN BE USED TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR MOM.
MOM DOES?
DARLING, YOU DO REMEMBER YOUR MOTHER WAS ONE OF KITOR'S EIGHT PERSONAL SERVANTS, YES?
WE MUST MAKE THE CALL AS SHORT AS POSSIBLE, SO NO ONE CAN FIND US OUT.
BUT WHEN EVERYONE EXCEPT GRIFFORD TURNED THEIR BACKS ON KITOR BECAUSE OF HIS LENIENCY...
...SHE LEFT FOR THE FIFTH WORLD.
THEN MY MOM CAN SUMMON ME TO THE FIFTH WORLD!
Waaaa

OH MY, WHO'S THIS?
HONEY, IS THAT YOU? CALLING ME?
DARLING, I MUST BE BRIEF. LAIN WANTS TO GO OVER TO YOUR SIDE.
CAST THE SUMMONING SPELL AS SOON AS WE'RE DONE WITH THIS CALL, OKAY?
...
...
AH!
IDO
OMIGOD! THIS IS SO SUDDEN!
IT'S OKAY, IT'S OKAY! CALM DOWN!
Kya!
LAIN, AS IN OUR DAUGHTER?
YES, YES! YOU KNOW THE SUMMONING SPELL, RIGHT?
YES, OF COURSE! OOH, I'VE MISSED HER SO MUCH! ♡
I'LL CAST IT RIGHT AWAY. YOU CAN HANG UP NOW! ♡
YOUR MOTHER AND I HAVE ALWAYS RAISED YOU TO BE BRIGHT AND STRONG. HENCE, WE HAD SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT YOU BECOMING A QUEEN
WE WORRIED THAT YOU MIGHT BECOME A DOLL WHO WASN'T EVEN ALLOWED TO THINK FOR HERSELF

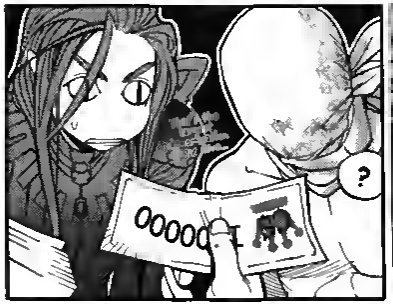
YOU'VE BECOME THAT BRIGHT, STRONG GIRL WE'VE ALWAYS KNOWN YOU WOULD.
THOUGH THE ROAD MAY BE PERILOUS, YOU MUST ACCOMPLISH YOUR GOALS.
I WON'T FORGET. UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN...
...TAKE CARE.
WELCOME, HONEY! ♡
NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN... MOM?

IF YOU SAW THAT THE CAR WAS WRECKED, YOU SHOULD'VE CHECKED WHETHER YOUR LUGGAGE WAS THERE OR NOT!
WE HAVE A MUCH LARGER SUPPLY PROBLEM THAN ACCEPTABLE ATTIRE, THANKS TO YOU.
ALL OF OUR BELONGINGS WERE IN THE CAR YOU WRECKED.
NEVERMIND! THERE'S NO USE CRYING OVER SPILT MILK. GET YOUR UST-1000s OUT.
AND IF YOU DON'T COOPERATE, THE WHOLE SIDEKICK THING IS OUT THE DOOR!
WHY DO YOU NEED MY UST-1000s?!
OH YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT! YOU CAN TRANSFORM INTO A BAT AND FLY THERE!
TO TRANSFORM THEM INTO MONEY! YOU THINK I PLAN TO WALK THE WHOLE WAY TO THE JADE REGION?! PLUS, LUPUS NEEDS CLOTHES!
THEY'LL WEAR OUT IF YOU SPEND THEM AS MONEY!
BOO HOO! WHILE WE'RE WANDERING OUT HERE, SOMETHING MIGHT HAPPEN TO CARMEN!
Oh my.
Tsk, tsk.
DO YOU THINK PEOPLE ARE STARING AT US?
OH NO, THEY COULDN'T POSSIBLY...
...BE STARING AT LUPUS!
NOT AT THE HALF-NAKED GUY WITH A SACK ON HIS HEAD!
NOOOO!

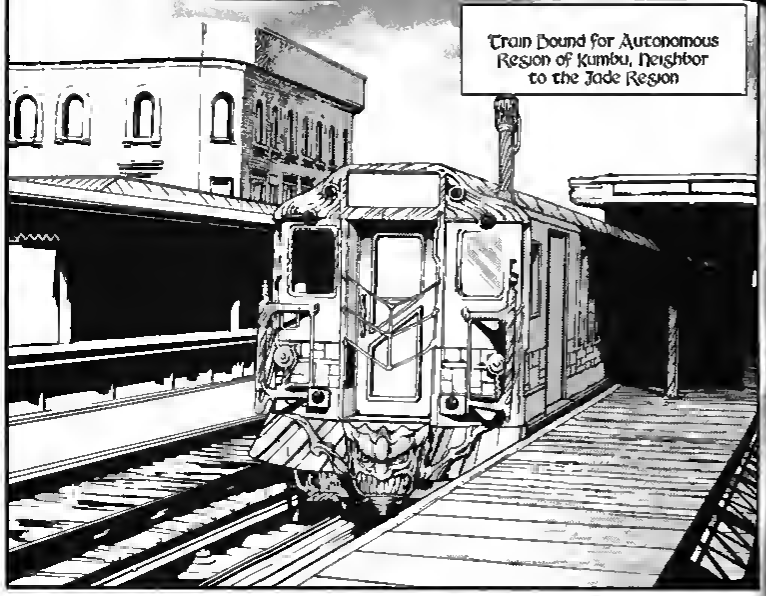
LOOK, IT'S NOT JUST A PLAIN OLD "BAT." THAT'S SO NOT COOL
IT HAS AN OFFICIAL NAME--- "DRAGON BAT."
FLYING AS A DRAGON BAT, I COULDN'T KEEP UP WITH YOU VERY WELL. PLUS, THERE'S THE MATTER OF OTHERS NOTICING...

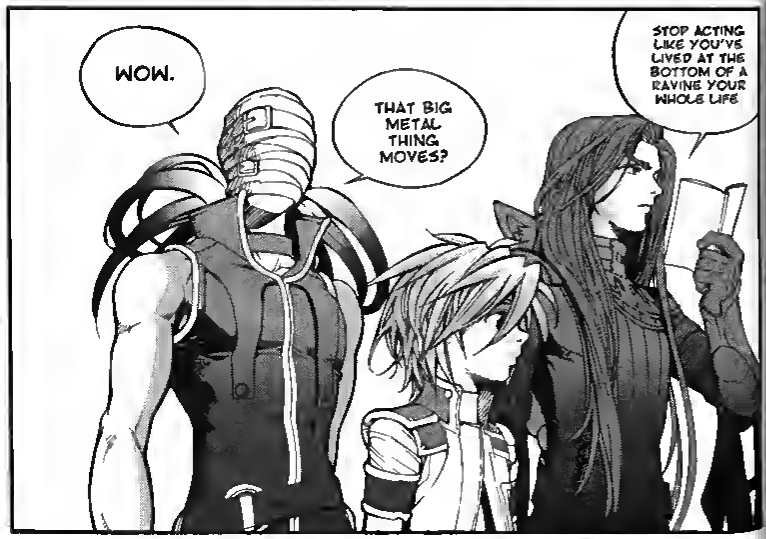
Artist's Concept of an Exported Reaction Border Guard Justice
THAT'S NOT JUST A PLAIN OLD BAT! SHOOT IT DOWN!
Hack!

FINE! HAVE IT YOUR WAY!


OOOOO...!
?

SEE IF I EVER DO THAT FOR YOU AGAIN
WOW, KID. YOU'RE REALLY RICH!

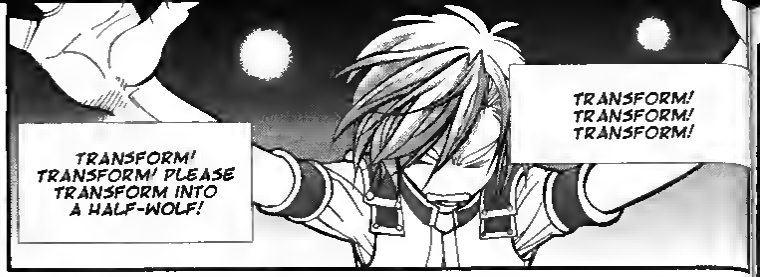

Train Bound for Autonomous Region of Kumbu, Neighbor to the Jade Region

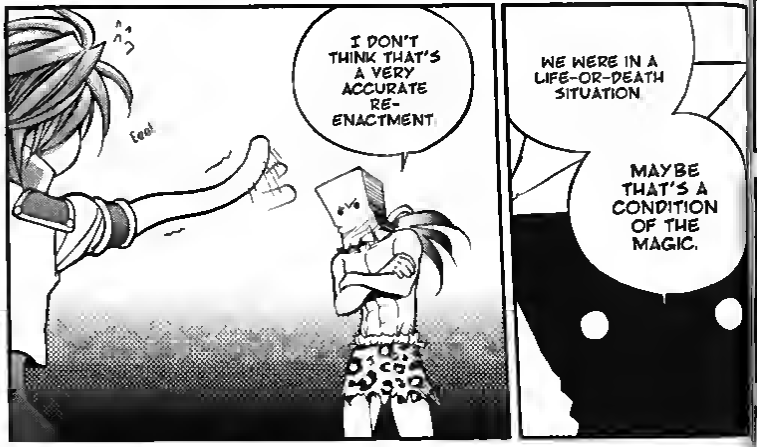

WOW.
THAT BIG METAL THING MOVES?
STOP ACTING LIKE YOU'VE LIVED AT THE BOTTOM OF A RAVINE YOUR WHOLE LIFE.

HAS IT BEEN A WEEK SINCE I'VE BEEN GONE? THAT TOOK TOO LONG.
I WONDER IF EVERYTHING IN TOWN IS OKAY?
CARMEN, HOLD OUT A FEW DAYS MORE
I'M BRINGING SOMEONE WHO CAN HELP YOU.
WOW! IT'S REALLY MOVING! HOW AMAZING!
...

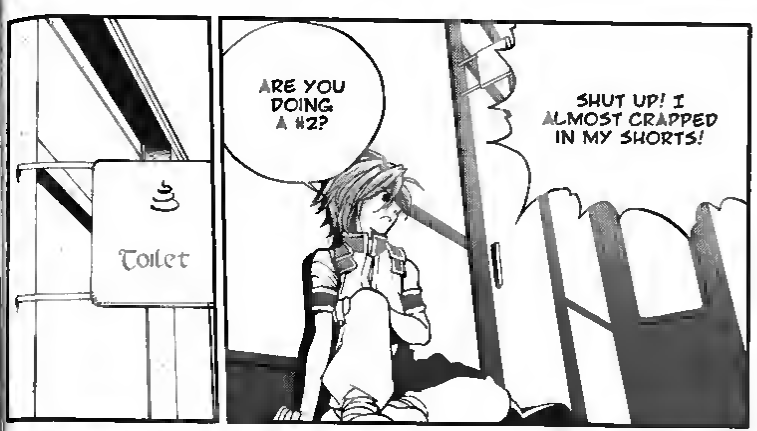
I TELL HIM PUPPETS ARE LOOKING FOR ME AND HE STILL MAKES ME RUN ERRANDS
HERE'S YOUR FOOD! WERE YOU HUNGRY ENO--!
FOR FOUR DAYS?
BUT IT ONLY TOOK ONE DAY TO GET HERE!
YES. NOW DO YOU REALIZE WHAT A GREAT CAR YOU WRECKED?
FOUR DAYS.
IF YOU NEED ME, I'LL BE ASLEEP.
OLD MAN
...
I KNOW, HUH?
?
OOPS!
WRONG CAR.
KIDS THESE DAYS...
HE DIDN'T EVEN SAY SORRY.
WAIT, THAT KID JUST NOW...
AHA! I KNOW WHAT I CAN DO TO PASS THE TIME.
FOLLOW ME, LUPUS.

WE'RE GONNA FIGURE OUT...
...HOW I WAS ABLE TO TURN YOU INTO A HALF-WOLF.
TO BE HONEST, MY MEMORY OF THE WHOLE THING IS AS FUZZY AS YOUR TAIL. IF I CAN FIND OUT HOW I DID IT, AND USE IT ANYTIME WE NEED IT...
I PLEAD TO THE SPIRITS OF THE ALMIGHTY ELEMENTS...
...ARRANGE HIS ELECTRONS INTO NEW FORMATIONS...
...AND SHOW THE TRUE IDENTITY OF THIS BEING'S OTHER SELF!
GREAT! I JUST WOULD'VE ASKED TO DO THE SAME THING, SO LET'S GO FOR IT!
...
FIRST!
A BASIC TRANSFORMATION SPELL!
...YOU DIDN'T CAST SOME FANCY SPELL LIKE THAT BEFORE.
THINK BACK.
BETTER, LET'S RECREATE A SCENARIO LIKE BEFORE!


TRANSFORM! TRANSFORM! TRANSFORM!
TRANSFORM! TRANSFORM! PLEASE TRANSFORM INTO A HALF-WOLF!


I DON'T THINK THAT'S A VERY ACCURATE RE-ENACTMENT
Feel
WE WERE IN A LIFE-OR-DEATH SITUATION
MAYBE THAT'S A CONDITION OF THE MAGIC.

THAT'S TRUE. YOU WERE ABOUT TO DIE, AND I COULDN'T BEAR TO SEE THAT BECAUSE IT WAS SO PITIFUL.
I DON'T THINK THIS IS A VERY ACCURATE RE-ENACTMENT, EITHER!


Toilet
ARE YOU DOING A #2?
SHUT UP! I ALMOST CRAPPED IN MY SHORTS!

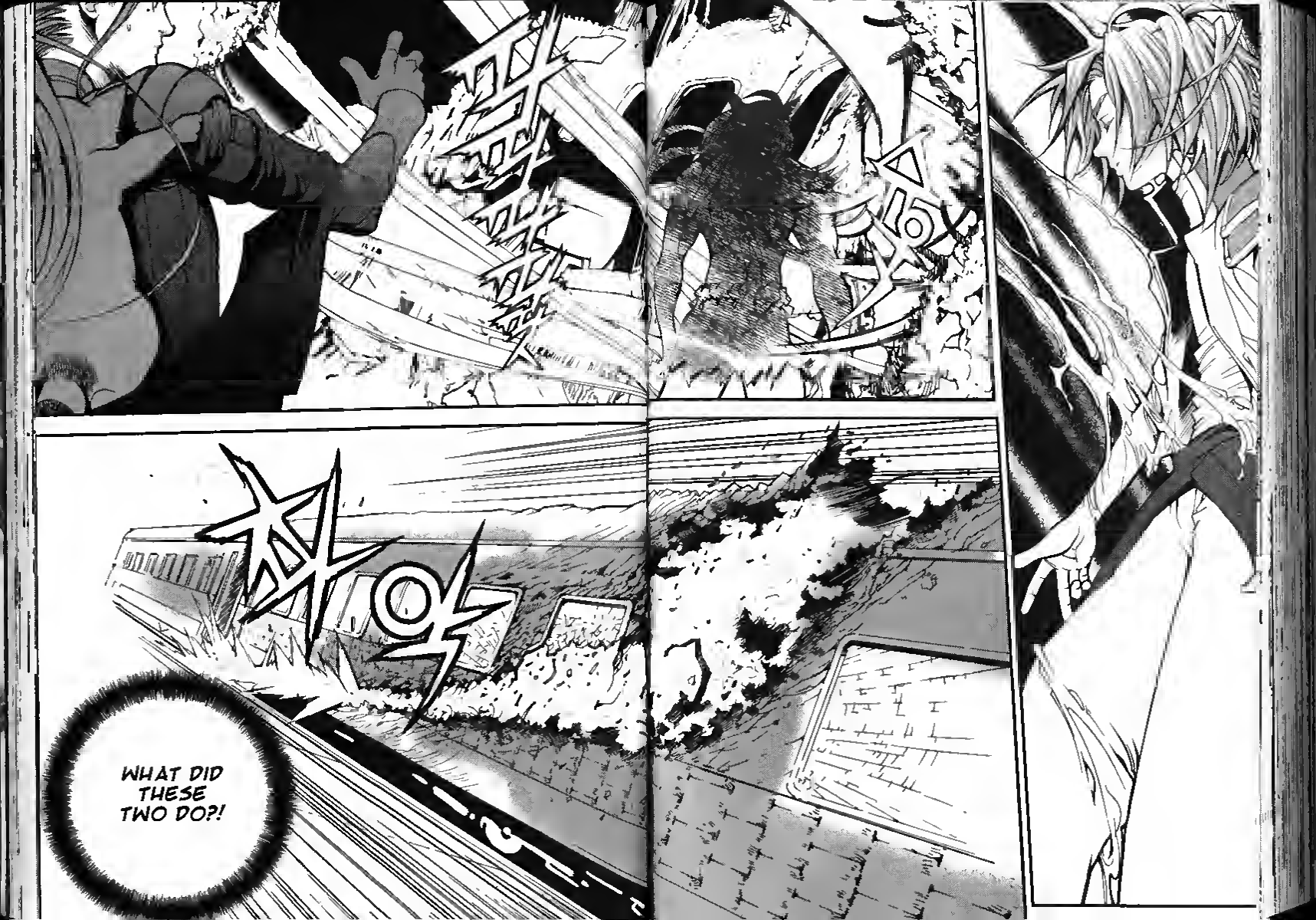
WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO TO MAKE THE CHANGE GO THROUGH?
DO I REALLY HAVE TO BE FACING A DIRE SITUATION?

I GUESS THAT MEANS I CAN'T FIND OUT UNTIL A REAL FIGHTING SITUATION HITS
NO, MORE THAN JUST A FIGHT. WE HAVE TO FACE A LIFE-OR-DEATH SITUATION
?

COULD THEY BE PUPPETS? NO... I DIDN'T GET THAT FEELING FROM THEM.
WHAT LUCK, STUMBLING ON HIM HERE
THE BOUNTY ON GRIFFORD'S RECAST IS HUGE!
OUR MASTERS SHOULD BE PLEASED.
JUST PUPPET SLAVES. I'LL JUST TAKE THEM OUT WITH MY UST-1000s
AH!
I HEARD THE LITTLE BOY PACKS A MEAN PUNCH WITH HIS UST-1000s.
WELL, THEN IT DOESN'T HURT TO BE CAREFUL, HUH?
THE GUYS I ACCIDENTALLY WALKED IN ON!
YOU SEE? I TOLD YOU IT WAS THAT JD.
MY EYES DON'T LIE.

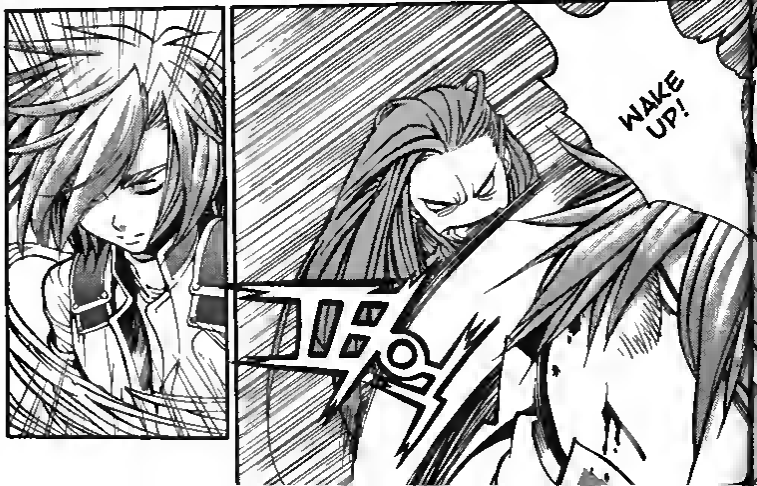
IT'S TOO MUCH WORK TO BRING HIM BACK ALIVE.
LET'S KILL HIM SO HE DOESN'T CAUSE A FUSS.
NO ONE WILL KNOW IF WE CUT HIM UP INTO PIECES AND PUT HIM IN A TRUNK.
OKAY. GET OUT OF THE WAY, WHIP. I'LL DO IT.
ARE THEY SERIOUS? DAMN IT! SOMEONE HELP ME!
crack
crack

WHAT'S A WEREWOLF DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS IN BROAD DAYLIGHT?!
GET AWAY! HELP!
GROWL
POW
...
WHAT'S THE RUCKUS?
WHERE DID THOSE GUYS GO?
!!


WHAT DID THESE TWO DO?!

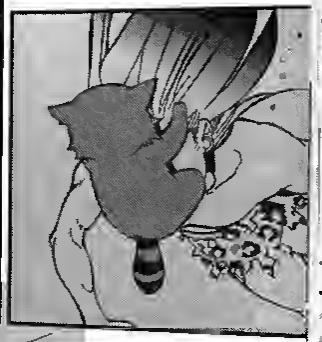
AH! I'VE GOTTA COVER LUPUS' FACE!
GO, MASK!!
WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T LET GO!

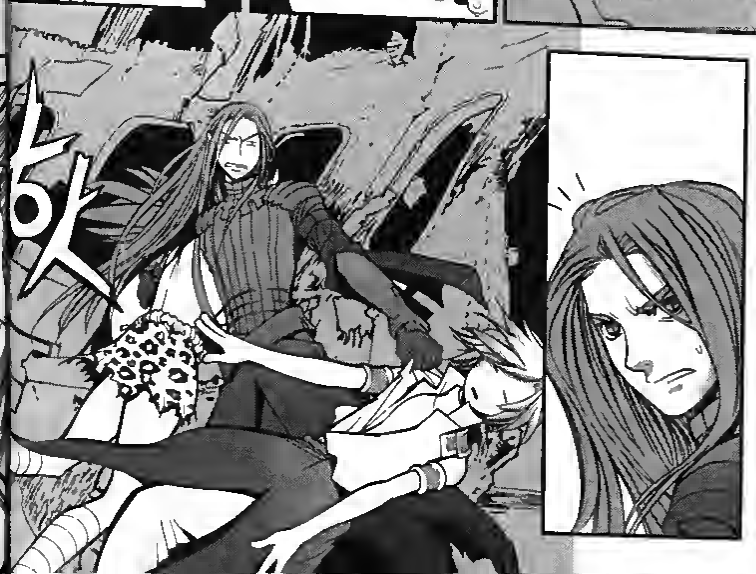
JD!!
I HAVE TO WAKE UP JD TO GET HIM BACK TO A NORMAL STATE!


WAKE UP!

Gasp!

MEANIE... SOMEBODY ALREADY HIT ME THERE...



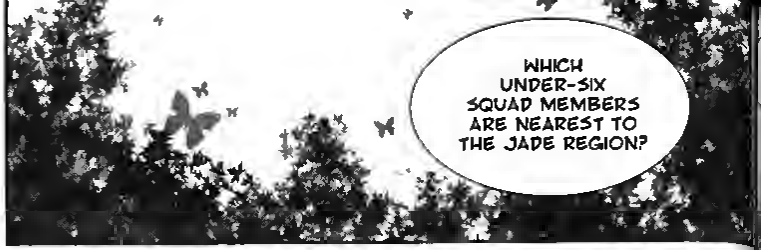


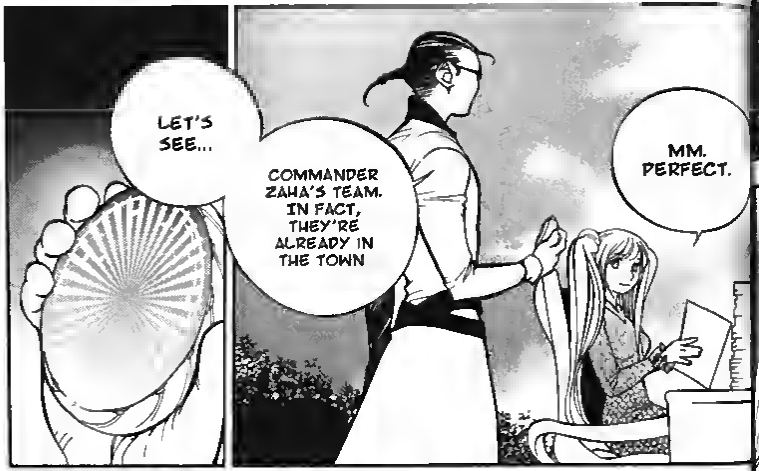
...
...
ALL THESE PASSENGERS...
WHY DO YOU HAVE TO GO OFF AND DO THINGS LIKE THAT?! HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO GET HOME NOW?!
YOU COMPLETE IDIOTS!
I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS!

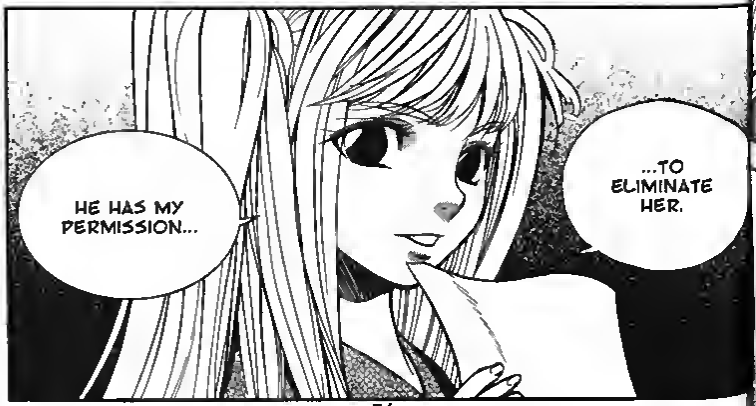
IF I'M TOO LATE...
...
CARMEN!
PLEASE LET NOTHING HAPPEN TO CARMEN!
Majus al Jinn
LADY EOMAIA.

LADY EOMAIA, YOU'RE STILL PLAYING?
YOU SCARED ME!
GREAT! YOU MADE ME KILL 100,000 OF THE LITTLE GUYS!
GAMES ASIDE, YOU HAVE MANY PRESSING TASKS, LADY EOMAIA!
HELLO, SECRETARY KARAS.
LOOK, THIS IS A DISPOSABLE UNIVERSE THAT I JUST CREATED.
I TOOK OUT THE OPTION OF MAGIC.
I WON'T DO THEM!
THIS WORLD IS TOO DIFFICULT BECAUSE I WASN'T THE ONE WHO CREATED IT.
WHAT WAS FATHER THINKING WHEN HE GAVE THEM THE O TION OF USING MAGIC? IT'S SO MUCH EASIER TO HAVE THEM NOT BE ABLE TO USE IT.
WHAT DO YOU CARE? YOU'LL WIPE THEM OUT WHEN YOU GET BORED. JUST LIKE LAST TIME.
SO STOP BEING A BABY.
YOU'RE NOT GIVING ME ANY CHOICE.
I'LL BE FORCED TO USE MY SECRETARIAL POWERS.
PEOPLE WORSHIP ME FOR THE SIMPLEST OF TRICKS. THEY'RE SO CUTE. LOOK, HERE'S THE PLAY MENU.
Category #3: Miracle
• Appear in the sky
• Descending of deity & angel
• Carve my own emblem into the rocks
Category #4: Punishment
• Natural disasters
• Misfortune
• Create social outcast
LADY EOMAIA!
OKAY, AFTER I FINISH THIS GAME.
...

HUH?
NO! I DON'T WANNA WORK!
OKAY FINE! BUT JUST FOR ONE HOUR!
SHE'S A NORMAL CHILD IN THESE SITUATIONS, YET IS THE CONSUMMATE GRACIOUS GODDESS...
...WHEN SHE APPEARS BEFORE THE PEOPLE.
I GUESS IT'S IN HER BLOOD.
NOW, NEXT UP ARE UNOFFICIAL DOCUMENTS THAT WON'T BE PUT ON RECORD.
THE FIRST DOCUMENT NEEDING YOUR AUTHORIZATION IS
AN AGREEMENT TO VISIT THE SHRINE BELONGING TO THE WINNING TEAM OF THE FOURTH DIMENSION SURVIVAL GAME TOURNAMENT
OH, THAT'S DEFINITELY AN OKAY.
I BET THERE'LL BE LOTS OF CUTE BOYS THERE HEE HEE! ♥
AND THE NEXT DOCUMENT IS ABOUT ATTENDING A MEETING OF THE ELDERS TOMORROW AFTERNOON
THIS ONE IS MANDATORY.
WHY ARE THESE THINGS MANDATORY? THEY'RE BORING.
THE FIRST ONE IS ABOUT CARMEN, THE SISTER TO THE VAMPIRE LORD OF THE JADE REGION.
AH, THE ONE I USED BEFORE? IS SHE STILL ALIVE?
YES, SHE'S SEALED AWAY IN ONE OF THE CASTLE'S TOWERS
HMM...


WHICH UNDER-SIX SQUAD MEMBERS ARE NEAREST TO THE JADE REGION?

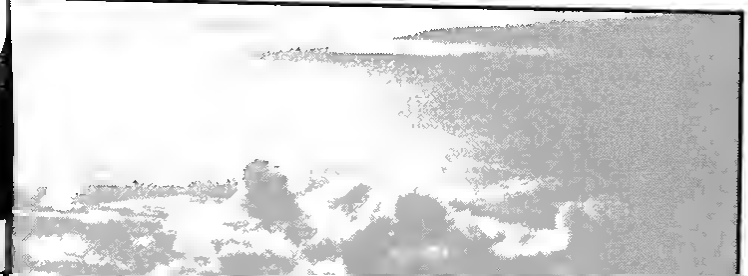

LET'S SEE...
COMMANDER ZAHA'S TEAM. IN FACT, THEY'RE ALREADY IN THE TOWN
MM. PERFECT.

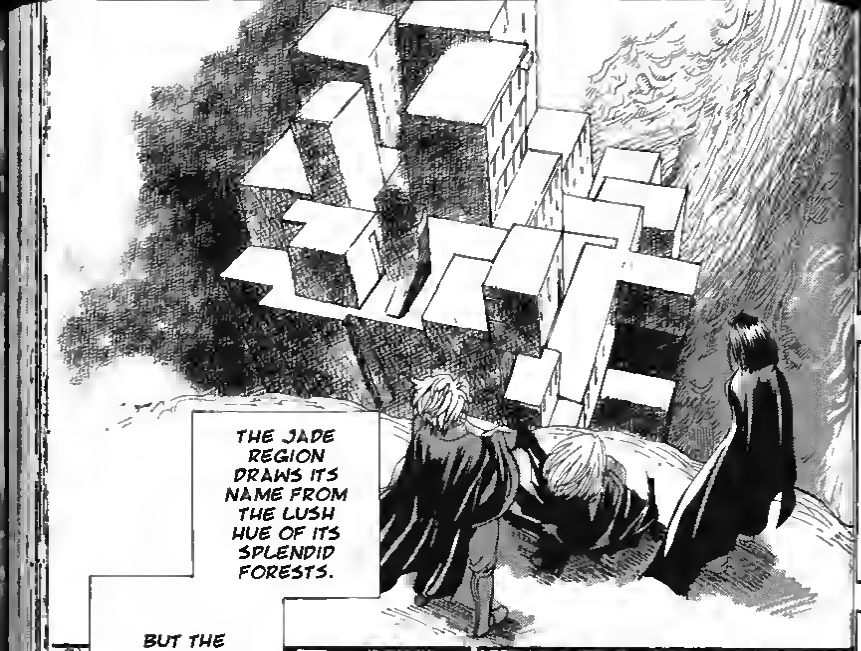

HE HAS MY PERMISSION...
...TO ELIMINATE HER.

ANOTHER TEAM IS NEARBY.
AH, THAT'S FINE. LET ZAHA DO IT.

DON'T YOU THINK THAT TOO MANY TASKS ARE ALREADY ASSIGNED TO HIM?
HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE CATCHING GRIFFORD'S RECAST FORM TOO, RIGHT?

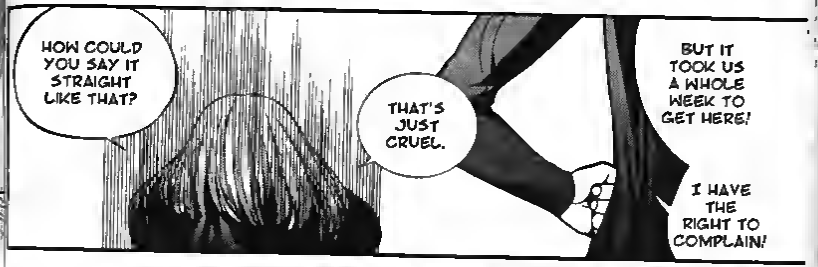
I CAN'T HELP IT IF ZAHA'S THE BEST.
HE'S THE ONLY SUBORDINATE I CAN TRUST WITH THESE TASKS.

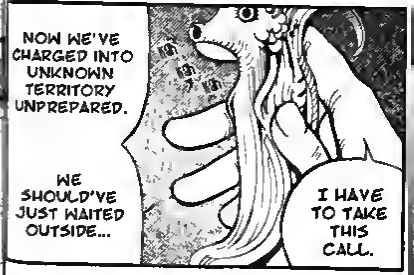



THE JADE REGION DRAWS ITS NAME FROM THE LUSH HUE OF ITS SPLENDID FORESTS.
BUT THE TOWN ITSELF IS GREY AND DESOLATE.
IT HAS BECOME A WASTELAND.

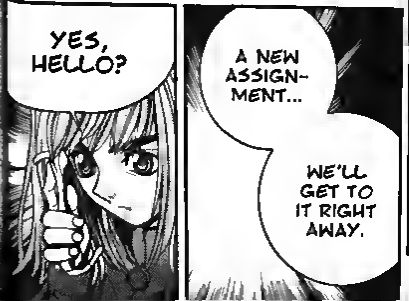
MOST OF ITS RESIDENTS ARE FAILURES OF THE OUTSIDE WORLD AND HUMAN TRASH
AND SOME OF THEM ARE A DANGER TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD

IT'S AN EVIL LAND THAT SHOULD NOT EXIST.
SOUNDS NICE AND ALL..
BUT THE VAMPIRE LORD AND THE CHILD AREN'T HERE, AND WE DON'T KNOW IF THEY'LL RETURN.
IT WAS A WASTE COMING HERE.


HOW COULD YOU SAY IT STRAIGHT LIKE THAT?
THAT'S JUST CRUEL.
BUT IT TOOK US A WHOLE WEEK TO GET HERE!
I HAVE THE RIGHT TO COMPLAIN!


NOW WE'VE CHARGED INTO UNKNOWN TERRITORY UNPREPARED.
WE SHOULD'VE JUST WAITED OUTSIDE...
I HAVE TO TAKE THIS CALL.

NYA HA HA...


YES, HELLO?


A NEW ASSIGN-MENT...
WE'LL GET TO IT RIGHT AWAY.

COMING HERE WAS THE RIGHT CHOICE, AFTER ALL.
SEEMS WE'RE ALREADY ON LOCATION FOR OUR NEW ASSIGNMENT.
INTRUD-ERS!
?!
GET THEM!
HEY, EVERYTHING OKAY OVER THERE?
EVERYTHING IS FINE HERE.
I FEEL LIKE I GOTTA BE EXTRA VIGILANT WITH THE LORD GONE, Y'KNOW?
I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN.
LIKE, WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN VIGILANT OF *THAT*.
HUH?
THEY WENT THIS WAY!

OVER HERE!

GO OVER THERE!

LET'S SPLIT UP!
AT LEAST ONE OF US NEEDS TO GET TO THE CASTLE AND ACCOMPLISH OUR TASK!

SPLIT UP!
IF YOU LIVE, MEET UP IN FRONT OF THE CASTLE!

AAAH!
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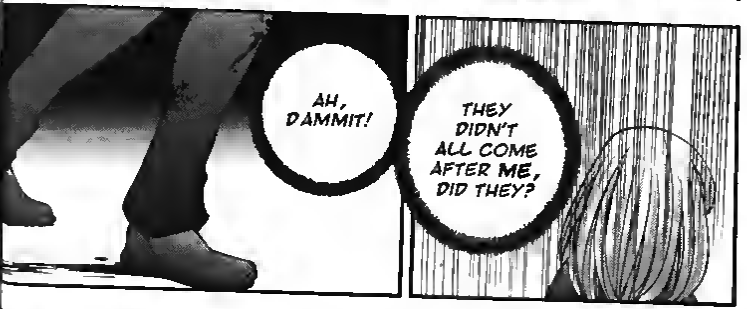
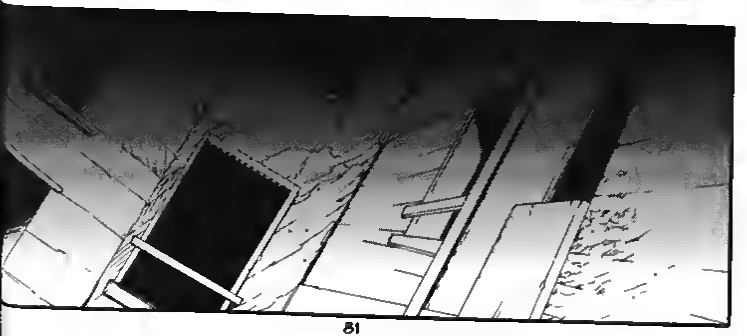

AH, DAMMIT!
THEY DIDN'T ALL COME AFTER ME, DID THEY?

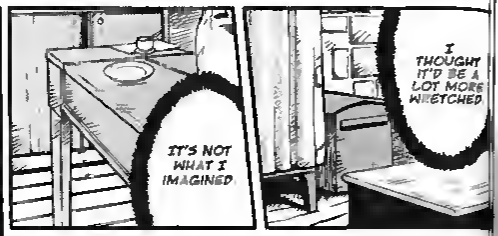


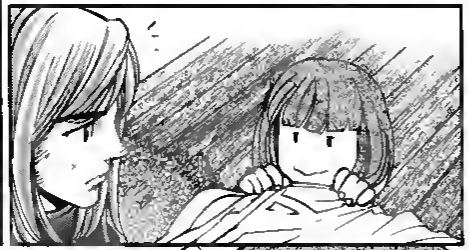
THINGS HAVE QUIETED DOWN. SHALL I RISK IT?
AH!
UNGH. WHERE AM I?
!!
DON'T GET UP. YOU SHOULD REST.
A CHILD...?
MOM! SOME GUY PASSED OUT OVER HERE!
I JUST TOOK CARE OF YOUR LEG WOUND YOU'D BE BETTER OFF IF YOU GOT SOME SLEEP
YOU'RE LUCKY ERICA FOUND YOU.
NICE TO MEET YOU. I'M THE OWNER OF THIS PLACE, CARMILLA.
TH-THANK YOU...
DON'T THESE PEOPLE KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON?

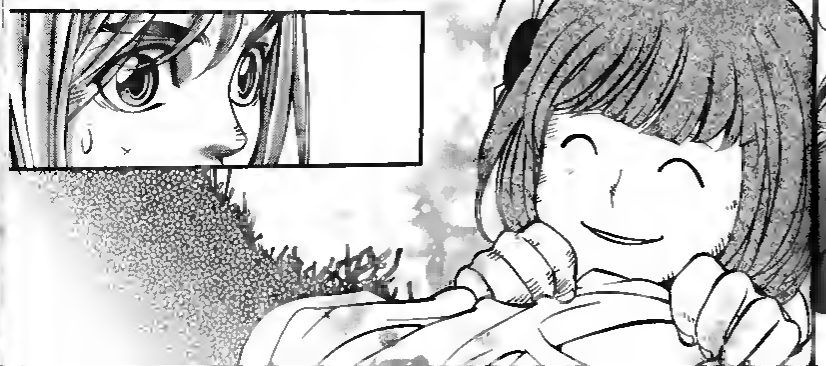
I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU AROUND. ARE YOU FROM THE NORTHERN SIDE OF THE CASTLE?
AH...
YES.

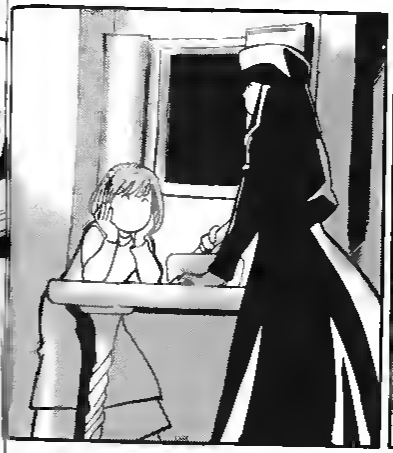
YOU'RE SO GOOD-LOOKING, MISTER! I WANT TO MARRY YOU WHEN I GROW UP!
MY, ERCA. YOU MUST HAVE 20 FIANCES BY NOW!

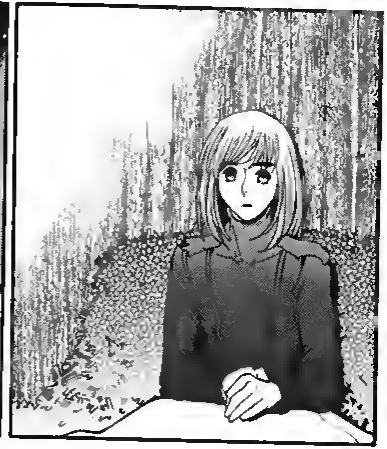
I GUESS THIS IS HOW THE PEOPLE OF JADE LIVE.


IT'S NOT WHAT I IMAGINED.
I THOUGHT IT'D BE A LOT MORE WRETCHED.







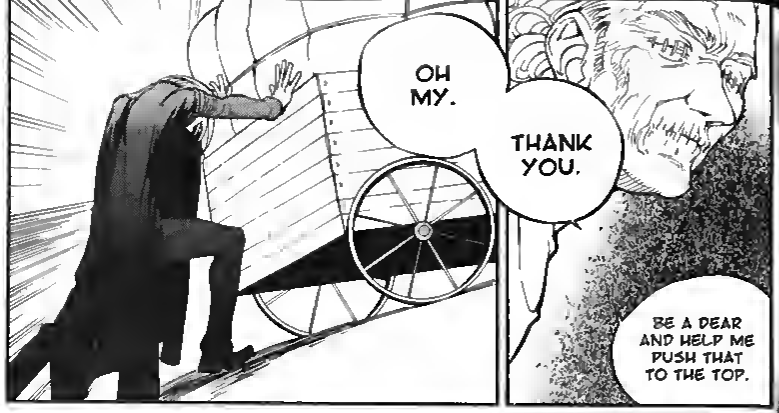


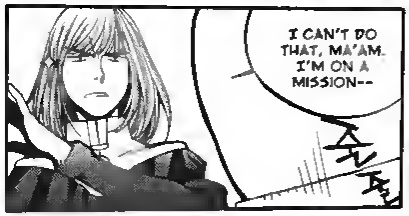
I MUST GO NOW.
BUT YOU CAN'T WALK.

I CAN WALK WELL ENOUGH.
I HAVE A PLACE I NEED TO BE.

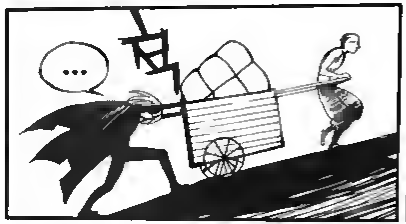
THEN TAKE THIS. IT'S A PAIN RELIEVER.
TH-THANK YOU...
IF YOU'RE REALLY THANKFUL, YOU CAN COME BACK TO BE MY SON-IN-LAW.
Ha Ha Ha
CARMILLA, OPEN THE DOOR! IT'S THE MILITIA COMMANDER!
MR. MALONE? OUT AT THIS TIME OF NIGHT?
!
HEY, KID. WHERE'S THE BACK DOOR?
OVER THERE.
AN INTRUDER?!
?
THANKS.

ARGH, THE PAIN!
I WONDER IF THAT PAIN RELIEVER SHE GAVE ME IS ANY GOOD.
...
IT...DOESN'T HURT SO MUCH ANYMORE. TO THINK THAT I'D RECEIVE AMNESTY AND KINDNESS FROM A RESIDENT OF THIS PLACE...
NO...
WHAT'S SURPRISING IS THAT SOMEONE HERE HELPED A COMPLETE STRANGER.
I THOUGHT THIS PLACE WOULD BE A HAVEN OF LAWLESS VIOLENCE AND CRIME.
IT'S A PERSON! SHOULD I RUN AWAY?
A BLIND WOMAN? LUCKY...
EEP!


OH MY.
THANK YOU.
BE A DEAR AND HELP ME PUSH THAT TO THE TOP.


I CAN'T DO THAT, MA'AM. I'M ON A MISSION--

EVERY-ONE'S HOLED UP, WHAT WITH WORD OF INTRUD-ERS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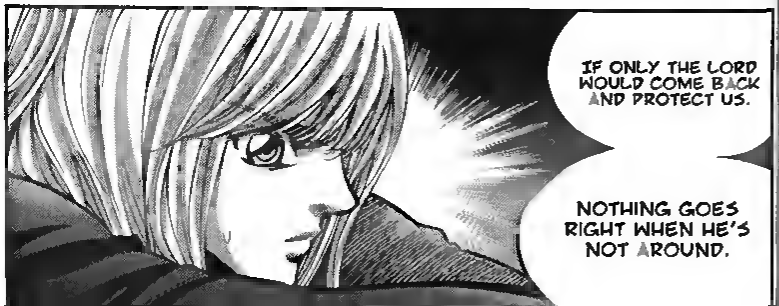
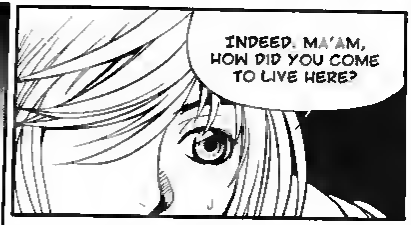
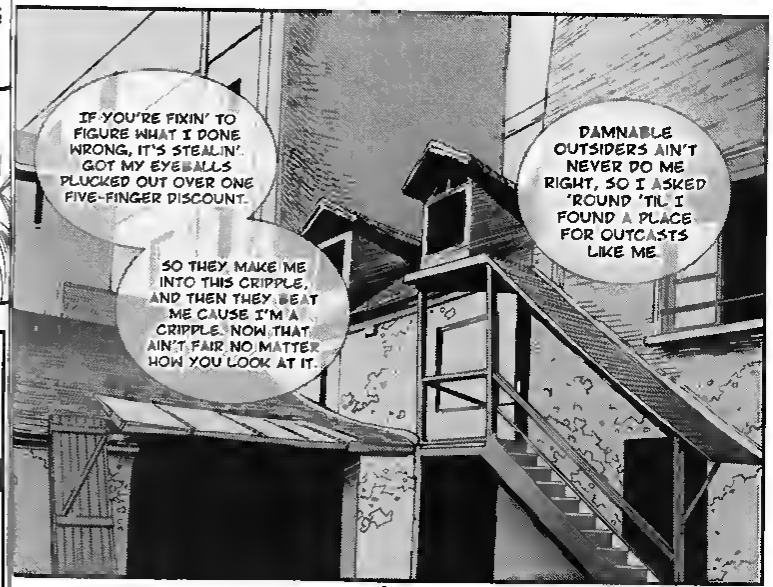

IF ONLY THE LORD WOULD COME BACK AND PROTECT US.
NOTHING GOES RIGHT WHEN HE'S NOT AROUND.

AND SEEIN' HOW WE CAME HERE TO AVOID 'EM, THOSE OUTSIDERS SHOULD BUTT OUT.


INDEED, MA'AM, HOW DID YOU COME TO LIVE HERE?

ME? I AIN'T NO DIFFERENT THAN MOST FOLKS HERE


IF YOU'RE FIXIN' TO FIGURE WHAT I DONE WRONG, IT'S STEALIN'. GOT MY EYEBALLS PLUCKED OUT OVER ONE FIVE-FINGER DISCOUNT.
SO THEY MAKE ME INTO THIS CRIPPLE, AND THEN THEY BEAT ME CAUSE I'M A CRIPPLE. NOW THAT AIN'T FAIR NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT.
DAMNABLE OUTSIDERS AIN'T NEVER DO ME RIGHT, SO I ASKED 'ROUND 'TIL I FOUND A PLACE FOR OUTCASTS LIKE ME.

FINALLY!
EVERY-ONE'S OKAY. GOOD.
SO WHAT?
OUR MISSION IS TO ERADICATE THE MONSTROUS LADY OF THE CASTLE!
GLORY BE TO LADY EOMAIA!
EVEN IF THINGS ARE DIFFERENT HERE THAN WHAT I WAS TOLD...
...THAT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT I HAVE A JOB TO DO!

ARGH!
NEVER MIND. A ROACH FLEW IN MY EYE.
WHAT IS IT?
A FLYING ROACH?
BLAISE, I THINK YOU OUGHT TO REST. WE'VE BEEN IN THE AIR A LONG TIME.
BELIEVE ME, I'D LIKE NOTHING BETTER THAN TO TOSS YOU OFF AND SLEEP..
.. BUT WE HAVEN'T A MOMENT TO SPARE.
I HAVE A BAD FEELING...
PLEASE LET NOTHING BAD HAPPEN.
WELL, THAT WAS EASIER THAN PIE.
OR MAYBE WE'RE THAT GOOD.
THE DOOR'S SEALED THIS IS IT.
OKAY. HERE WE GO.

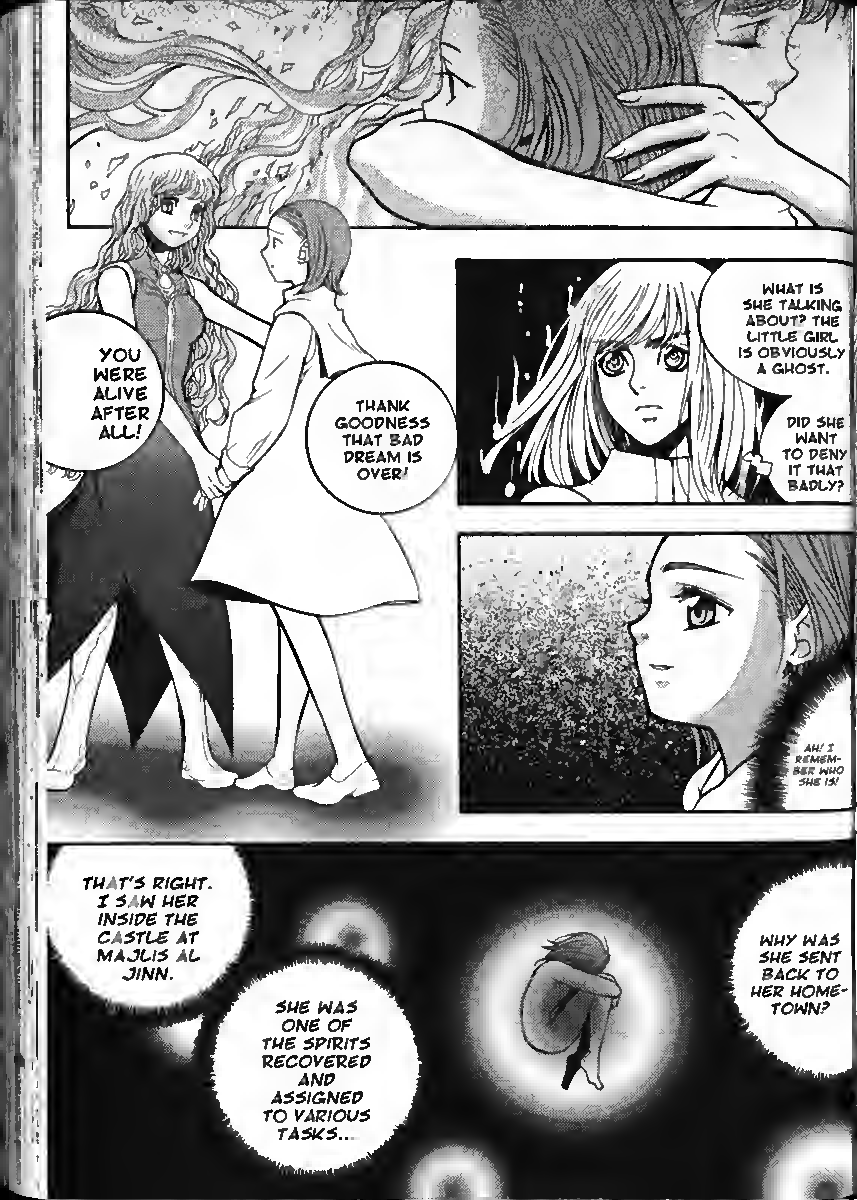
UN-BIND!
THAT BALL OF ENERGY IS SUCKING US IN!
WHAT'S THIS?!
HOW MUCH OF A GRUDGE MUST SHE HAVE NURSED TO OBTAIN SO MUCH NEGATIVE ENERGY?
THE ENERGY IS DRAWING ITS FORCE FROM CARMEN'S NEGATIVE FEELINGS!
I MUST FOCUS ON FINDING A CHANCE TO CAPTURE HER!
NO, THAT DOESN'T MATTER. SHE'S JUST A BOUNTY I NEED TO TAKE OUT.
IT'S OPENING! EVERYONE BE ON GUARD!

WHAT'S THIS?!
Whew!
THAT WAS CLOSE!
WHAT ARE THESE THINGS?!
RESTLESS SPIRITS WHO WANDER WITH EVIL INTENT, I GRANT YOU FREEDOM IN THE NAME OF THE SUPREME RULER!
YOU ARE FREE FROM YOUR BONDS! DISSIPATE!

WHERE ARE YOU, BIG BROTHER?
I'M SCARED... IT'S COLD... HELP ME, BIG BROTHER...
UM, IS THAT HER? OUR TARGET?
HOLD ON.
ARE YOU CARMEN?
YES.
I'M CARMEN...
!!
COM-MANDER!

WHAT'S GOING ON?!
THIS PLACE...
I COULDN'T HOLD THEM BEFORE I KNEW IT, I WAS DOWN.
WHERE DID THE INTRUDERS GO?!
I THINK THEY HEADED FOR THE TOP OF THE TOWER...
LADY CARMEN IS IN DANGER.
WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING?
SHH!
BLAISE! WHAT DO WE DO?
WE PUT A CLEAR SHEET OVER THE MOUTH OF THE TOILET, UNDER THE TOILET SEAT.
WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR SOMEONE TO GO IN, AND MY BIG BROTHER JUST DID!
THAT'S A MEAN PRANK. ANYWAY, WHERE AM I?
MOMMY!!

YOU EVIL WENCHES! I BET YOU TWO DID THIS! IF I GET MY HANDS ON YOU--!
SUCCESS! LOOK AT HIM!
I've never ever--where!
HER YOUNGER SISTER DIED...
WAIT...! THIS GIRL...
SHE SEEMS FAMILIAR
BUT AM I JUST MIXING HER UP WITH SOMEONE ELSE?
IF THAT'S YOUNG CARMEN...
THEN AM I IN HER MEMORY?


YOU WERE ALIVE AFTER ALL!
THANK GOODNESS THAT BAD DREAM IS OVER!
WHAT IS SHE TALKING ABOUT? THE LITTLE GIRL IS OBVIOUSLY A GHOST.
DID SHE WANT TO DENY IT THAT BADLY?
AH! I REMEMBER WHO SHE IS!
THAT'S RIGHT. I SAW HER INSIDE THE CASTLE AT MAJLIS AL JINN.
SHE WAS ONE OF THE SPIRITS RECOVERED AND ASSIGNED TO VARIOUS TASKS...
WHY WAS SHE SENT BACK TO HER HOME-TOWN?

MY LITTLE SISTER BETRAYED ME.
I TRUSTED HER MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE...
...BUT SHE TURNED ME INTO THIS THING. AND THEN YOU PEOPLE...
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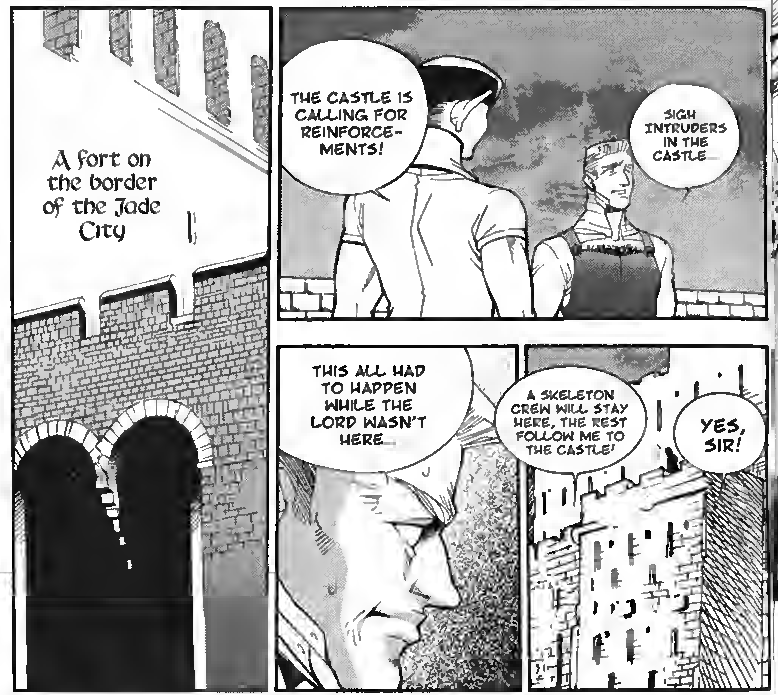
A fort on the border of the Jade City
THE CASTLE IS CALLING FOR REINFORCEMENTS!
SIGH INTRUDERS IN THE CASTLE
THIS ALL HAD TO HAPPEN WHILE THE LORD WASN'T HERE...
A SKELETON CREW WILL STAY HERE, THE REST FOLLOW ME TO THE CASTLE!
YES, SIR!

LORD BLAISE HAS RETURNED! RELAY A MESSAGE TO THE LORD IMMEDIATELY
"INTRUDERS IN THE CASTLE!"

HUH?
THAT'S...
...LORD BLAISE!

IT CAN'T BE!
WHAT'S THAT SAY? "WELCOME HOME"?
I'D LIKE TO WAVE, BUT MY ARMS ARE TIED DOWN.
Why did our hands have to be tied, too?
HEY, WATCH OUT! THE WALLS ARE RIGHT IN FRONT OF US! PAY ATTENTION!
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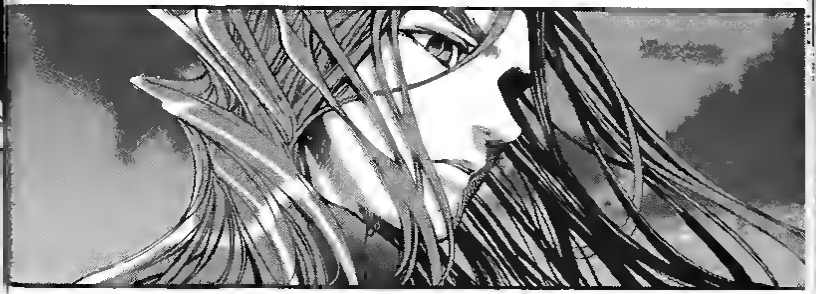
waaah
CARMEN! PLEASE!

THAT'S RIGHT... I KILLED HER...
WE HAVE NO TIME, COMMANDER NOW THAT WE ACCOMPLISHED OUR TASK, WE HAVE TO GET OUT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE
WHY SHOULD IT MATTER?
WHY SHOULD IT MATTER? I'VE DONE THIS MORE TIMES THAN I CAN COUNT!
THEY'LL SOON BE AFTER US! HURRY!
COMMANDER, ARE YOU OKAY?
LADY EOMAIA COMMANDED THE LITTLE SISTER TO BETRAY THE ELDER
BUT WHY?! WHY DID LADY EOMAIA DO THAT?!

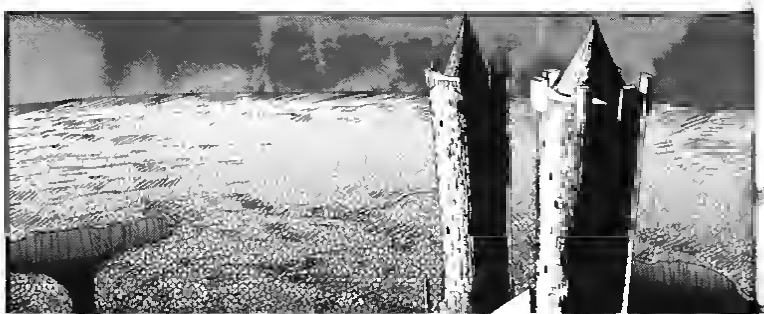
YOU COULD'VE LET US DOWN A BIT MORE SOFTLY!
LADY EOMAIA.
ARE YOU PREPARED FOR THE CEREMONY?
NOT YET
OH, HEY! ANY WORD FROM ZAHA YET?
IF YOU HEAR SOMETHING, CONTACT ME EVEN IF IT'S DURING THE CEREMONY.
YES, MA'AM
?!
BUT THIS TASK WILL BE DIFFICULT, EVEN FOR ZAHA'S GROUP.
IT'S POSSIBLE THEY COULD FAIL AND PERISH.

YOU'LL NEVER GET AHEAD IN LIFE WITH THAT NEGATIVE ATTITUDE.
IF THAT HAPPENS, IT GIVES US A PRETTY SOLID REASON TO WIDE OUT THE JADE REGION FOR GOOD.

HURRY! BEFORE THEY COME AFTER US!



AN EYE FOR AN EYE, I SAY.



THEY'RE STILL WITHIN THE CASTLE! RELEASE THE HOUNDS!
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OVER THERE! GET HIM!
FAK
!!
DANG! IT WAS A FAKE!
THIS IS WHERE I CAME IN.
IT WAS PRACTICALLY DESERTED.
SEEMS THE FAKES WORKED. THEY'RE NOT FOLLOWING.
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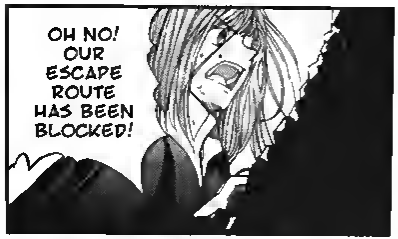
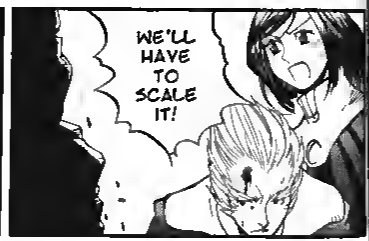
AAH!


OH NO! OUR ESCAPE ROUTE HAS BEEN BLOCKED!


WE'LL HAVE TO SCALE IT!

LET ME ASK JUST ONE THING.
WHO SENT YOU?
MY SISTER WAS NEITHER A MONSTER NOR EVIL.
SHE WAS SIMPLY A GULLIBLE CHILD WHO WAS TRICKED
WHOEVER SENT YOU HERE WAS LOOKING TO DISPOSE OF MY SISTER BECAUSE SHE WAS EVIDENCE
WHAT IS HE DOING?
SHUSH
THERE WAS NO JUSTICE IN KILLING THAT CHILD.
NNGH...
L-LADY EOMAIA...
...
!!
SHUT UP! THIS IS AN EMERGENCY!
I'M REQUESTING THE IMMEDIATE CASTING OF A SUMMONING SPELL FOR COMMANDER ZAHA! RELAY THAT THIS SECOND!

LADY EOMAIA!
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN RESCUE HIM NOW! PLEASE HURRY!
IF YOU KILL HIM, EOMAIA WILL COME BACK SEEKING REVENGE!
THINK ABOUT WHO YOU ARE! DO YOU WANT ALL THE PEOPLE HERE TO DIE?!
DON'T KILL HIM! HE'S EOMAIA'S SUBORDINATE!
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A LITTLE MORE AND YOU WOULD'VE KILLED HIM.
THANKS FOR KNOCKING SOME SENSE INTO ME.
UH... SOMETHING WEIRD IS GOING ON.
IT'S CALLED "PASSING OUT."
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IT IS MY DEAREST WISH THAT YOU, DEAR CITIZENS OF MAJLIS AL JINN, LIVE IN PEACE AND LOVE.
AND IT IS MY GREAT HONOR TO RESPECT THE HARD WORK OF THOSE ..
WHO LABOR AND SACRIFICE THEMSELVES THAT WE MAY ALL LIVE IN BLISS.
I SWEAR TO FIGHT AGAINST THE ENEMIES OF PEACE AND SAFETY.
GOOD PEOPLE, I KNOW MY WORDS REACH YOUR HEARTS. TOGETHER, WE SHALL OVERCOME ALL OBSTACLES IN OUR PATH.
THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE AND CONTINUE TO DO.
NOW, WHERE IS MY SECRETARY?
LADY EOMAIA!
AH! SECRETARY KARAS!
DID YOU LIKE MY SHOW? IT WAS THE BEST YET!
LADY EOMAIA, YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY MESSAGE FROM ZAHA'S TEAM. THE SITUATION SEEMS DESPARATE

EUH
IDIOT! I DIDN'T KILL HIM
SO HE'S DEAD, AFTER ALL.
HE DISAP-PEARED!
SOMEONE REALIZED HE WAS IN DANGER AND SUMMONED HIM.
MOST LIKELY EOMAIA.

HE'S STILL ALIVE, BUT HE'S IN CRITICAL CONDITION.
IF WE DON'T TREAT HIM QUICKLY, HE MAY LOSE HIS LIFE
I CAN SEE THAT.
MAJLIS AL JINN...? HOW DID I GET HERE...?
A DOG THAT HARBORS SUSPICION OF ITS MASTER'S INTENTIONS IS USELESS.
DO NOT LET ANYONE IN THIS ROOM.
YES, MY LADY.
LADY EOMAIA! YOU SAVED ME!
AREN'T YOU GOING TO HEAL HIM?
I KNEW SHE'D SAVE ME...
SKRIN
JUST...
...LEAVE HIM.
LADY EOMAIA! HOW COULD YOU...?
LADY EOMAIA...

THE SPIRIT TREE OF THE SIXTH WORLD IS LIKE A GATEWAY TO THE HEAVENS
THEN THAT SPIRIT IS GOING TO HEAVEN? LUCKY!
HA HA. YOU CAN GO, TOO!
LOOK, A SPIRIT IS LEAVING MAJLIS AL JINN
SOMEONE MUST HAVE PASSED AWAY IN THE CASTLE
THAT'S A SPIRIT? WHERE IS IT GOING?
TO THE PLACE WHERE ALL SPIRITS HEAD.
ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS LISTEN TO THE GODDESS EOMAIA'S WORDS AND BE A GOOD PERSON.
AS LONG AS YOU DO THAT, YOU CAN LIVE IN HEAVEN FOR ETERNITY.
AT THE END OF THAT SPIRIT'S PATH...
YOU WILL FIND THE SPIRIT TREE OF THE SIXTH WORLD.

MY NAME IS LYNN. I HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS STORY. I'M JUST AN ORDINARY PERSON WHO DIED TODAY.
ALTHOUGH I'M SAD THAT I'LL BE PARTING WITH MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS...
...I'M HAPPY TO BE GOING TO HEAVEN!
I'M GOING TOWARDS THE LIGHT!
IT FEELS SO WARM. I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT HEAVEN IS LIKE!
I WONDER WHY EVERYONE LOOKS SO SERIOUS? THIS IS A HAPPY TIME!
?!!!

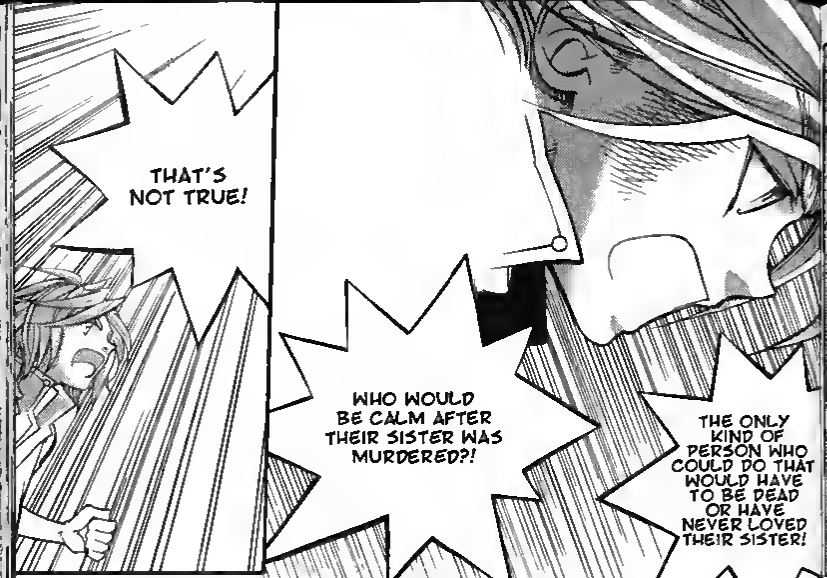
SOME-THING'S WRONG! I CAN'T MOVE!
NEITHER CAN ANYONE ELSE!
IS THIS PART OF THE PROCESS? IT'S SO ODD...
WHAT'S THIS?!
I'M SCARED! HOW COULD HEAVEN BE A PLACE LIKE THIS?
AGH!
TEK
TEK

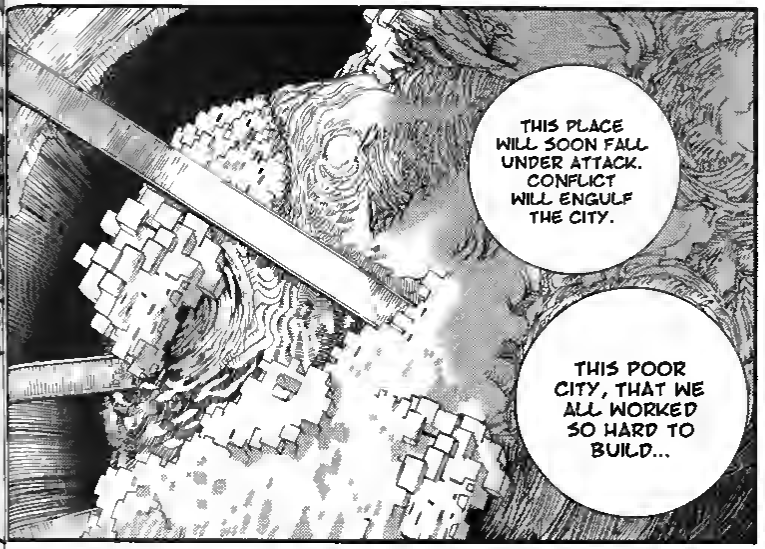
IT'S STRANGE, BUT EVERY TIME I EAT THEM, I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK THESE THINGS HAVE THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS.
THERE YOU GO AGAIN! JUST EAT
THIS... CAN'T BE...
OK
YOU'RE ASKING WHAT I THINK ABOUT HEAVEN?
HEAVEN, AS IN THE PARADISE EOMAIA PROMISES?
YEAH. RESEARCHING EOMAIA HAS MADE ME CURIOUS.
WELL, THE BOOK SAYS THAT IT'S A PLACE WHERE IT'S ALWAYS WARM, YOU NEVER HAVE TO WORK OR WORRY ABOUT FOOD AND YOU CAN LIVE HAPPILY FOREVER.
WHAT WERE YOUR THOUGHTS ON IT?
DOESN'T SOUND THAT GREAT.

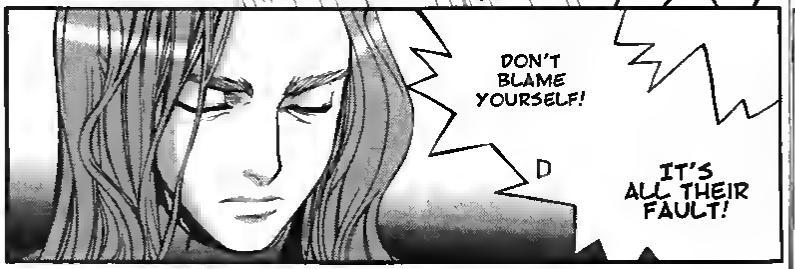
SOUNDS LIKE JUST THE THING TO INDUCE MASS HYPNOSIS
BUT I CAN'T IMAGINE LIVING A LIFE TOTALLY PROVIDED FOR AND HAVING NO GOALS.
I'D RATHER BE A GHOST, LIKE YOU.
YES.
I THOUGHT THE SAME THING. MAYBE THAT'S WHY I ENDED UP LIKE THIS.
BUT A LOT OF PEOPLE DO DESIRE HEAVEN.
IT JUST GOES TO SHOW YOU HOW TOUGH PEOPLE HAVE IT.
I CAN'T ASK BLAISE FOR HELP RIGHT NOW.
I'M DOING ALL THE RESEARCH I CAN ALONE, BUT IT'S MORE DIFFICULT THAN I THOUGHT.
BLAISE...
HE'S BEEN INCONSOLABLE FOR A WEEK..
ANYWAY, BOY. DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU WERE GOING TO THE FOURTH WORLD?
HOW LONG DO YOU PLAN TO JUST HANG AROUND HERE?
I HAVE NO IDEA!
I WANT TO WATCH THE SUNRISE.

I SUPPOSE I'LL NEVER SEE IT AGAIN, THOUGH
AH, DON'T GET ME WRONG. I'M NOT BLAMING YOU.
I KNOW YOU TRIED YOUR BEST.
BUT...
...I STILL WANTED TO SEE...
...SUNRISE.
THIS ISN'T WHAT I WANTED...
NEVER...!

I'LL NEVER FORGIVE THE ONES WHO DID THIS TO YOU!
I'LL NEVER FORGIVE THEM!
"WE FIND THE SHAMEFUL EVENTS THAT TOOK PLACE IN YOUR REGION EXTREMELY REGRETTABLE."
"WE SHALL AVENGE THE DEATH OF OUR AGENT, WHO PERISHED IN THE OUTSKIRTS OF YOUR REGION."
"THIS MISSION WILL COMMENCE ON THE DATE OF COMMANDER ZAHA'S FUNERAL, IN ORDER TO ASSUAGE HIS SOUL."
WHAT THE HECK?
BLAISE DIDN'T KILL HIM! HE WAS SUMMONED AWAY!
THEY'RE FRAMING ME.
LORD BLAISE!
LORD BLAISE! WE HAVE A BIG PROBLEM!
THEY NEEDED SOME EXCUSE TO INVADE.
AND I PROVIDED THAT FOR THEM.
I SHOULD'VE KEPT MY COOL.


THAT'S NOT TRUE!
WHO WOULD BE CALM AFTER THEIR SISTER WAS MURDERED?!
THE ONLY KIND OF PERSON WHO COULD DO THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE DEAD OR HAVE NEVER LOVED THEIR SISTER!


THIS PLACE WILL SOON FALL UNDER ATTACK. CONFLICT WILL ENGULF THE CITY.
THIS POOR CITY, THAT WE ALL WORKED SO HARD TO BUILD...


DON'T BLAME YOURSELF!
IT'S ALL THEIR FAULT!

IN THE END, IT'S MY FAULT FOR FORGETTING MY POSITION. EVEN IF JUST FOR A MOMENT.
GRIFFORD! TELL ME WHAT TO DO!

YES, HUN.
BUT REALITY ISN'T THAT SIMPLE.

IF ONLY GRANDPA WERE HERE..
HE'D KNOW THE RIGHT THING TO DO...

WHY ARE WE HERE?
THIS IS THE ROOM WHERE GRIFFORD STAYED THE MONTH HE WAS HERE.
TWO OLD NOTEBOOKS.
AND A RATTY CLOTH THAT YOU COULDN'T EVEN USE AS A RAG.
THIS ROOM SUCKS. ARE YOU SURE YOU GUYS WERE FRIENDS?
AH, HERE IT IS.
AND I WAS EXPECTING SOME GREAT ITEMS.
HE WOULDN'T HAVE LEFT THOSE.
THE NOTEBOOKS ARE SEALED, SO I NEVER GOT TO SEE WHAT WAS IN THERE.
I COULDN'T BREAK THE SEAL.
TRY PUTTING YOUR HANDS ON TOP OF THE NOTEBOOKS, JD.
GRIFFORD LEFT THAT BAG BEHIND. I'D FORGOTTEN.
GRANDPA LEFT THIS?! WHAT'S IN HERE?!
LIKE THIS?
Whoa!
!!

JUST AS I THOUGHT! HE MADE IT SO THAT YOU COULD SEE THEM.
HEY! I UNSEALED THEM, SO I GET TO READ THEM FIRST!
OH, MY! IT'S EROTICA! OH, GRANDPA! ♡
NO MINORS ALLOWED!
THINGS GET INTERESTING STARTING HERE.
"...I'M BEGINNING TO GET THE HANG OF HOW THINGS WORK IN THE FOURTH WORLD."
Dear diary, Hello diary! Nice to meet you! I'm gonna talk to you every single-wingle day. We're gonna be best friends! -Grifford
THIS WOULD BE SOME SERIOUS BLACKMAIL MATERIAL IF HE WERE STILL ALIVE
"THE SUPREME RULER KITOR'S MOTHERS AND HIS SISTER KYRIE PAY LIP SERVICE TO SIRE KITOR, BUT OPPOSE EVERYTHING HE STANDS FOR."
"IT SEEMS AS IF TRUE GOVERNING POWER LIES WITH THEM, NOT SIRE KITOR. THEY'VE BEEN PRESSING SIRE KITOR AS OF LATE TO WRESTLE CONTROL OF THE FIFTH WORLD--OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'SPIRIT FARM'--AWAY FROM THE SIXTH WORLD."
Ahem
OKAY, HERE'S SOMETHING. 25TH DAY OF THE 14TH MONTH...
"MY HOT STEAMY NIGHT WITH THE DUCHESS..."
"SIRE KITOR DOESN'T WANT A WAR. FORTUNATELY, MOST MEMBERS OF THE CABINET ARE ON OUR SIDE. BUT I MUST NOT LET MY GUARD DOWN AGAINST HIS MOTHERS AND LADY KYRIE."

A WAR WITH THE SIXTH WORLD?
OH!
WHY DID YOU STOP READING? WHAT DOES THE NEXT PART SAY?
"I'M IN A TIGHT SPOT. SIRE KITOR IS NO LONGER THE SAME BEING. EXCLUDING ME, EVERYONE ELSE HAS LEFT HIS SIDE."
THEN THERE'S NOTHING HERE FOR ANOTHER MONTH OR TWO, THEN...
"I'VE ARRIVED AT BLAISE'S CASTLE IN THE FIFTH WORLD. HE'S STUCK ME IN SOME ROOM ONLY ACCESSIBLE BY SECRET PASSAGEWAY, TELLING ME THERE'D BE HUGE PROBLEMS IF CARMEN FOUND OUT. CAN'T I EVEN WALK AROUND MY HOMETOWN?!"
...
"THAT STUPID BLAISE. HE MUST HAVE TOLD CARMEN LIES ABOUT ME." WELL, THIS NEXT PART ISN'T IMPORTANT.
IS THERE ANYTHING ABOUT HOW HE GOT TO THE FIFTH WORLD FROM THE FOURTH WORLD?
LET'S SEE. AH, THIS LOOKS LIKE IT
"IT WAS CERTAINLY FOOLISH TO TACKLE VOLCANO LATEN HEAD-ON."
THE FOURTH WORLD GOING TO WAR WITH THE SIXTH WORLD?

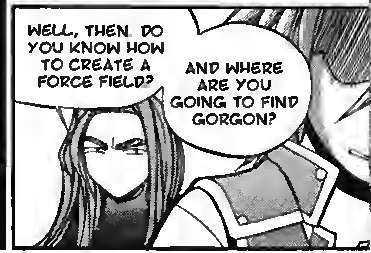
"AS AN ADDED PROTECTION TO THE 20 LAYERS OF FORCE FIELD, IT'S MAXIMUM..."
"...I WRAPPED MYSELF IN A CLOAK OF GORGON'S SHED SKIN"--WHICH IS KNOWN TO BE THE ONLY MATERIAL THAT CAN WITHSTAND VOLCANO GATEN'S LAVA AND FLAMES."
!!
THEN COULD THIS PARTIALLY-BURNED PIECE OF RAG...
...BE THE ARMOR MADE FROM GORGON'S SHED SKIN?
YES, HE WORE THAT THE DAY HE ARRIVED...
Ouch, that's hot!
"THAT WILL TEACH ME TO CHARGE INTO A POOL OF LAVA WITHOUT KNOWING SO MUCH AS ITS DEPTH!"
IF I CAN GATHER THE PIECES THAT ARE STILL OKAY...
...MAYBE I CAN MAGICALLY SEW THEM INTO SOMETHING THAT'LL FIT ME.
...

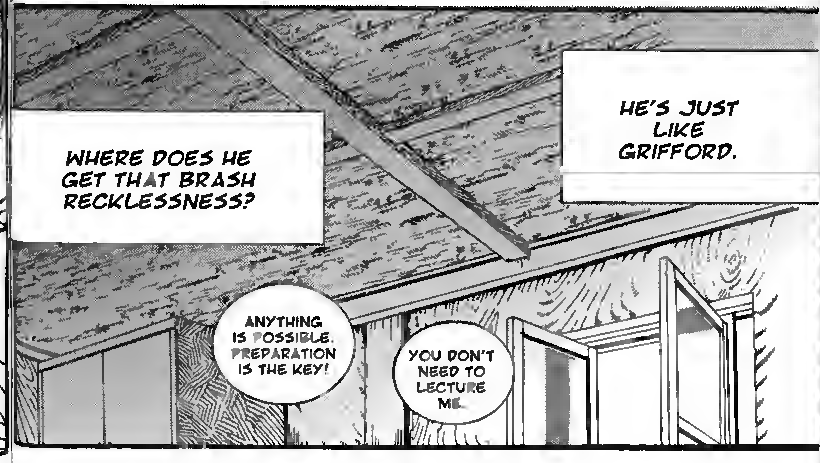
Weep
UM, IF YOU'RE NOT USING THOSE, I COULD USE A PAIR.
WHATEVER. AT LEAST WE KNOW WE CAN PASS THROUGH VOLCANO LATEN AS LONG AS WE HAVE ARMOR MADE OF GORGON'S SKIN

AND...
—YOU'D ALSO NEED YOUR FORCE FIELD TO BE AT A MINIMUM OF 20 LAYERS
DON'T TOSS THAT INTO THE EQUATION!

ISN'T THAT NEXT TO IMPOSSIBLE?
EVEN THE GREAT MAGICIAN GRIFFORD WAS BARELY ABLE TO PASS THROUGH IT. I MEAN, HE WAS IN REALLY TERRIBLE SHAPE.
Though he healed completely in one week.
YOU OUGHT TO FIND ANOTHER WAY.

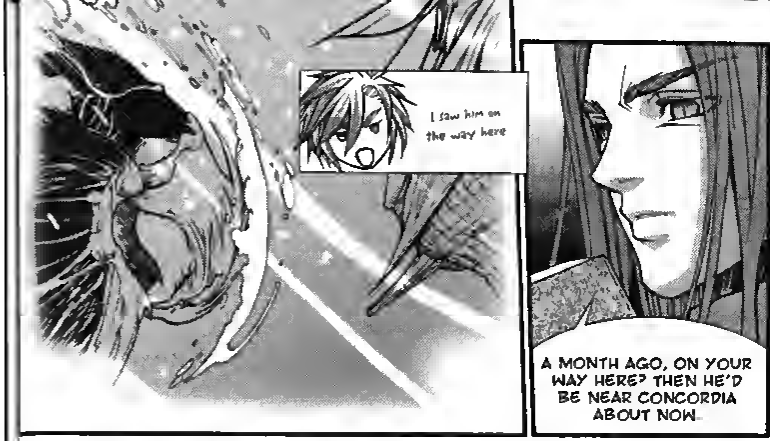
IF GRANDPA COULD DO IT, SO CAN I.
HE DIDN'T TEACH ME TO GIVE UP WITHOUT AT LEAST TRYING.

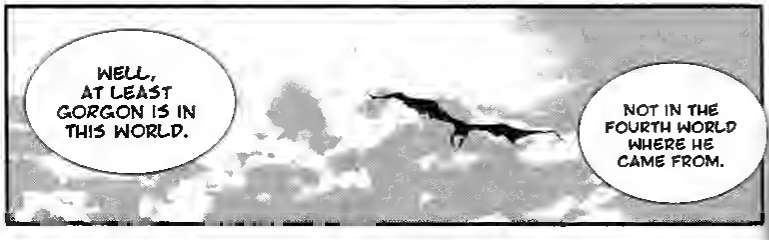

WELL, THEN. DO YOU KNOW HOW TO CREATE A FORCE FIELD?
AND WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO FIND GORGON?

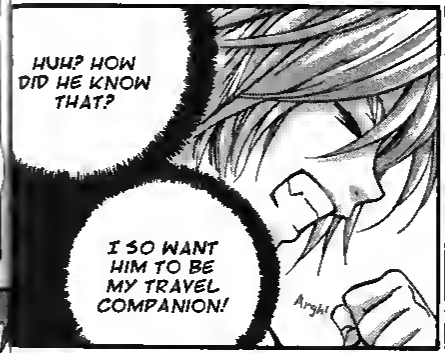

WHERE DOES HE GET THAT BRASH RECKLESSNESS?
HE'S JUST LIKE GRIFFORD.
ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE. PREPARATION IS THE KEY!
YOU DON'T NEED TO LECTURE ME.

COURAGE, CONFIDENCE, A LIFE OF ADVENTURE AND A STRONG WILL.
I DON'T KNOW IF YOU EVER HAD ANY REGRETS ABOUT YOUR LIFE, BUT I ENVY YOU.
I HAVEN'T CREATED ONE WITH 20 LAYERS, THOUGH...
I-I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU CAN DO IT? CREATE FORCE FIELDS, THAT IS.
FORCE FIELDS?
HERE I THOUGHT FORCE FIELDS WERE USELESS IN REAL LIFE BECAUSE THEY TOOK TOO LONG TO PUT UP
BUT HE DID IT IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE!
PUTTING UP MULTIPLE LAYERS IS AN ADVANCED TECHNIQUE FOR A BEGINNER LIKE YOU..
...IT WOULD TAKE A MONTH TO PUT UP JUST TWO LAYERS.

NEVER HEARD OF IT. I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW SUCH A THING EXISTED.
SO, THAT JUST LEAVES GORGON'S SHED SKIN.
THEN I'LL TRAIN HOWEVER LONG IT TAKES.

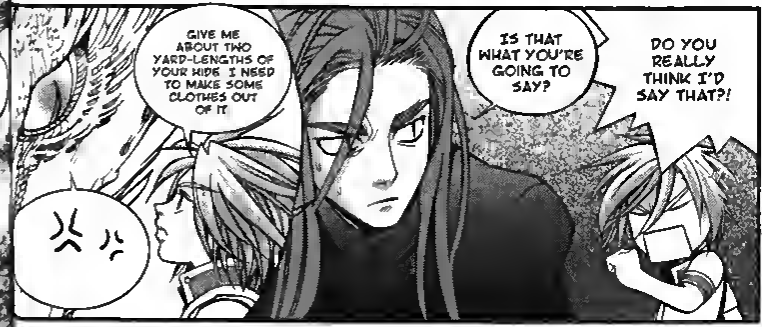

I saw him on the way here
A MONTH AGO, ON YOUR WAY HERE? THEN HE'D BE NEAR CONCORDIA ABOUT NOW.

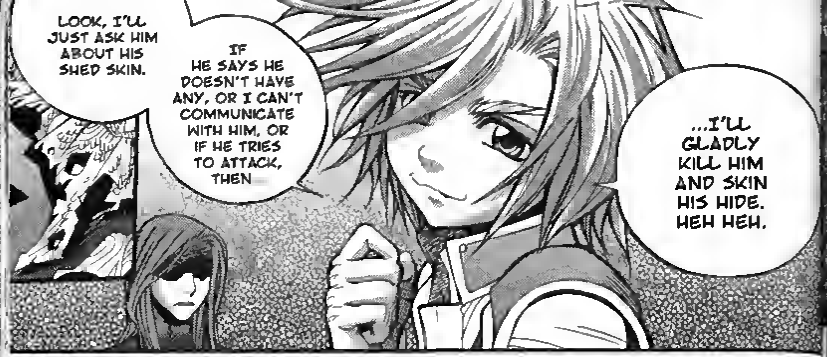

WELL, AT LEAST GORGON IS IN THIS WORLD.
NOT IN THE FOURTH WORLD WHERE HE CAME FROM.


HUH? HOW DID HE KNOW THAT?
I SO WANT HIM TO BE MY TRAVEL COMPANION!
Argh!

IT'S SETTLED. I'M GOING TO FIND GORGON.
AND THEN?

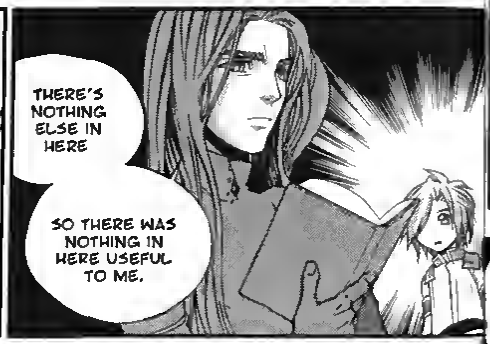
HE APPEARED OUT OF THE BLUE AROUND TEN YEARS AGO. HE KEPT FLYING AROUND, LIKE HE WAS LOOKING FOR SOMETHING. I RAN INTO HIM A FEW TIMES, EVEN.
PFFT
What's your problem, fat belly?

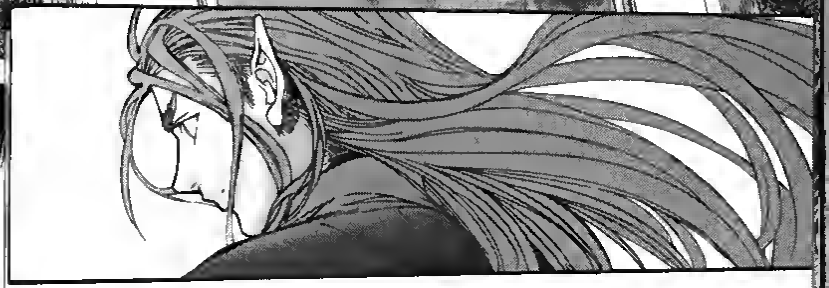

GIVE ME ABOUT TWO YARD-LENGTHS OF YOUR HIDE I NEED TO MAKE SOME CLOTHES OUT OF IT
IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO SAY?
DO YOU REALLY THINK I'D SAY THAT?!

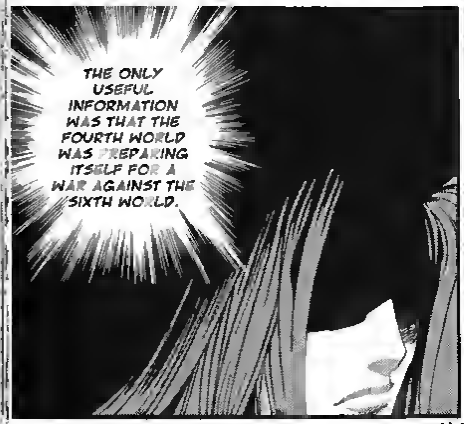

LOOK, I'LL JUST ASK HIM ABOUT HIS SHED SKIN.
IF HE SAYS HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY, OR I CAN'T COMMUNICATE WITH HIM, OR IF HE TRIES TO ATTACK, THEN
...I'LL GLADLY KILL HIM AND SKIN HIS HIDE. HEH HEH.

WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER FOR EVERYONE IF YOU LEFT?

WELL, GOOD LUCK. YOU KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE DIED TRYING TO HUNT DOWN GORGON, RIGHT?


THERE'S NOTHING ELSE IN HERE
SO THERE WAS NOTHING IN HERE USEFUL TO ME.




THE ONLY USEFUL INFORMATION WAS THAT THE FOURTH WORLD WAS PREPARING ITSELF FOR A WAR AGAINST THE SIXTH WORLD.

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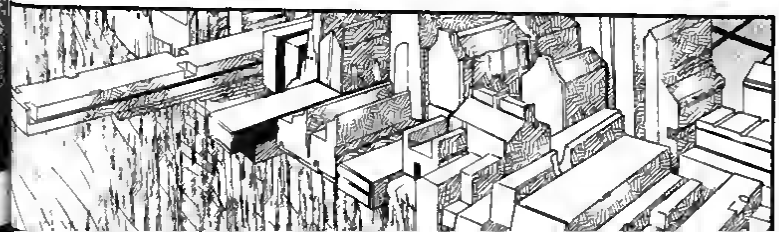
YOU'RE THE ONE EOMAIA'S FORCES ARE TRYING TO KILL. YOU'RE THE LEADER, AND YOU ATTACKED THAT ZAHA GUY.
IF YOU LET EVERYONE KNOW THAT YOU'RE LEAVING TOWN, THEY'LL LOSE INTEREST IN JADE. YOU CAN ACTUALLY HELP YOUR PEOPLE BY COMING WITH ME



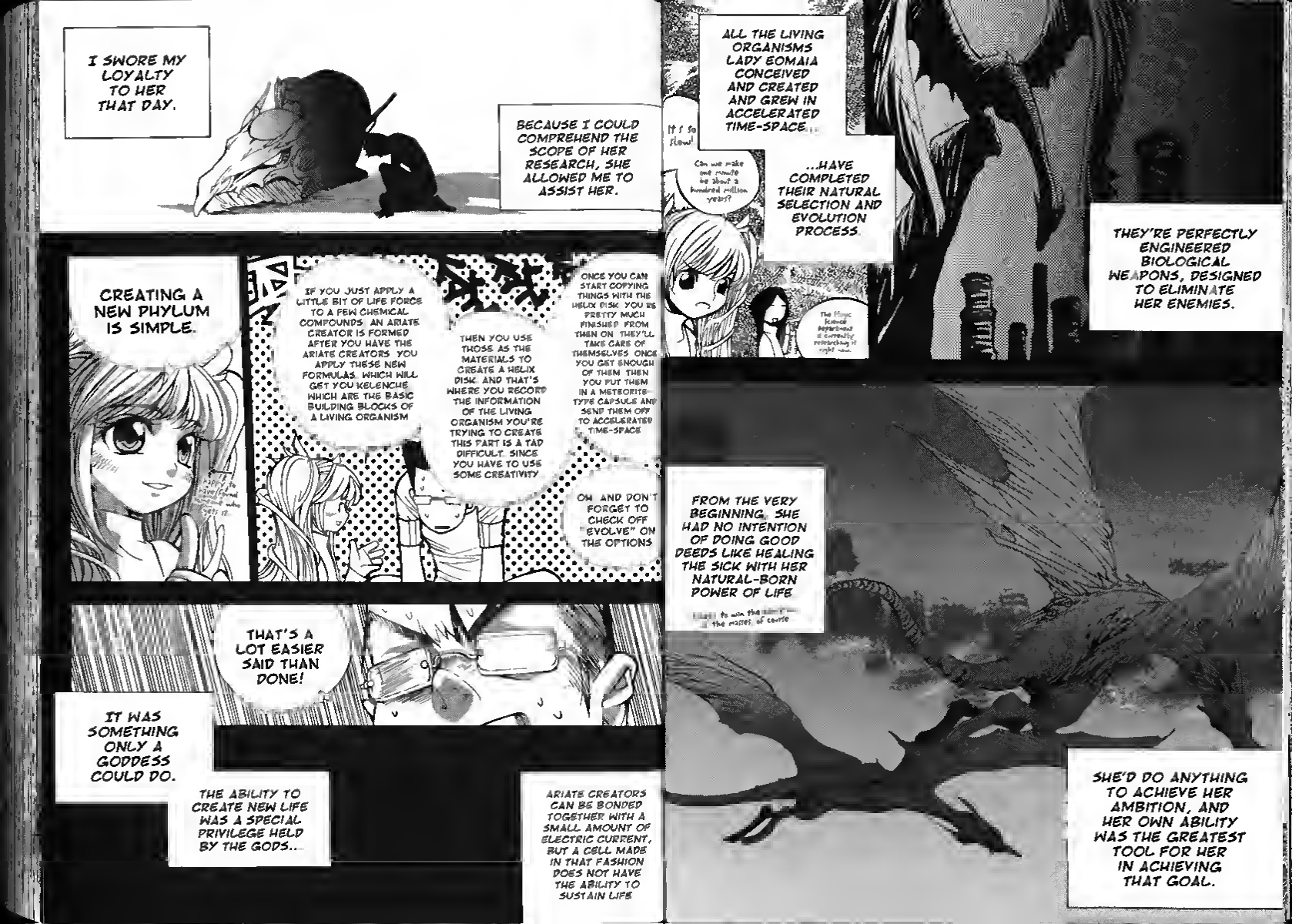
WHAT'S GOING ON UP THERE?
Castle on the Border of the Jade Region
MY LORD! THERE ARE REPORTS FROM THE AUTONOMOUS REGION OF KUMBU THAT A FLYING OBJECT SENT FROM MAJLIS AL JINN HAS BEEN SIGHTED!

THANK YOU FOR UNDER-STANDING. THIS IS THE BEST POSSIBLE CHOICE AT THIS TIME.
I TRUST THAT YOU ALL WILL TAKE GOOD CARE OF OUR HOMES UNTIL I RETURN.
HURRY. WE MUST CATCH UP TO HIM BEFORE HE REACHES KUMBU
BLAISE, STONE COLD-- YOU'RE READY, RIGHT?
ALL RIGHT, I'M IN!
LET'S GO BECOME THE BAD GUYS.
THE POWER TO CONTROL LIFE.
THAT IS THE PRIVILEGE AND DUTY GIVEN TO THOSE WHO WILL BECOME GODS.
SHE USES THIS POWER ON PEOPLE ALL THE TIME...

...YET NO ONE RE_LIZES THAT THE POWER TO GIVE LIFE...
...CAN ALSO BE USED TO TAKE LIFE.
SHE KILLED TWO PRIVATE TUTORS BEFORE SHE TURNED FIVE
YOU'RE NOT...
...MY BOSS.
NATURALLY, THE INCIDENTS WERE COVERED UP. BUT THOSE WHO KNEW WERE SHOCKED (INCLUDING HER MOTHER).
LET'S GO BACK TO THE CASTLE OF THE SUPREME RULER OF THE SIXTH WORLD WHEN EOMAIA WAS YOUNG.
Aaaa

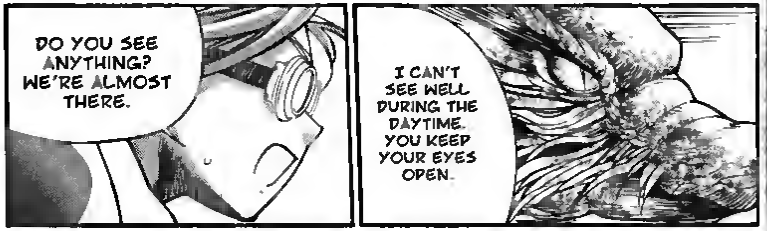
SHE'S NO MONSTER.
SHE'S A GODDESS.
FEELING THAT SHE NEEDED SELF-CONTROL AND A PROPER EDUCATION...
HER PARENTS ASKED EOMAIA HOW SHE MIGHT LIKE TO BE SCHOOLED
I WANT TO GO TO A SCHOOL WHERE THERE'RE LOTS OF OTHER STUDENTS.
AND WHEN HE HEARD THAT, EVEN THE SUPREME RULER HESITATED.
BUT THERE WAS NO NEED TO WORRY.
SHE BEGAN IN A HIGH GRADE...
...AND SKIPPED OVER CLASS AFTER CLASS.
AND WITHIN A SINGLE QUARTER, NOT EVEN THE MOST SKILLED BEING IN THE TOP CLASS WAS A MATCH FOR HER.
SINCE BEING THE BEST SUITED HER MUCH BETTER THAN ASSESSMENT BY HER OLD TUTORS...
...SHE WAS ABLE TO ENJOY A RELATIVELY PEACEFUL SCHOOL LIFE.
BUT TO THE OTHER STUDENTS, HER PRESENCE WAS A CONSTANT SOURCE OF PRESSURE.

I THINK MOST THOUGHT SOMETHING ALONG THE LINES OF, "WHY DID A SUCCESSOR TO THE SUPREME RULER HAVE TO COME HERE AND MAKE US ALL LOOK BAD?"
...
I COULDN'T NOT BE OVERWHELMED.
WHAT WE LEARNED IN SCHOOL ENCOMPASSED THE KNOWN WORLD DISCOVERED UP TO THAT POINT, BUT...
...EOMAIA HAD PLANS TO CREATE A WHOLE NEW PHYLUM BY HERSELF.
HEY.
YOU KNOW YOU'RE BEING EXTREMELY INSOLENT RIGHT NOW, DON'T YOU?
NNGH. WHO'S THERE...?
LOOK AT KARAS THE CHICKEN RUN AWAY
I'm sorry!
BUT SUCH SHALLOW PRIDE ALWAYS CRUMBLES WHEN FACED WITH SOMEONE WHO IS OVERWHELMINGLY SUPERIOR.
ONE DAY, I ACCIDENTALLY STUMBLED ACROSS LADY EOMAIA'S RESEARCH.
You again?
SHE'S A MONSTER!
NO... A GODDESS!


I SWORE MY LOYALTY TO HER THAT DAY.
BECAUSE I COULD COMPREHEND THE SCOPE OF HER RESEARCH, SHE ALLOWED ME TO ASSIST HER.
ALL THE LIVING ORGANISMS LADY EOMAIA CONCEIVED AND CREATED AND GREW IN ACCELERATED TIME-SPACE...
It's so flow!
Can we make one minute be about a hundred million years?
...HAVE COMPLETED THEIR NATURAL SELECTION AND EVOLUTION PROCESS.
The Magic Science Department is currently researching it right now.
THEY'RE PERFECTLY ENGINEERED BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS, DESIGNED TO ELIMINATE HER ENEMIES.
CREATING A NEW PHYLUM IS SIMPLE.
IF YOU JUST APPLY A LITTLE BIT OF LIFE FORCE TO A FEW CHEMICAL COMPOUNDS, AN ARIATE CREATOR IS FORMED. AFTER YOU HAVE THE ARIATE CREATORS, YOU APPLY THESE NEW FORMULAS, WHICH WILL GET YOU KELENCUE, WHICH ARE THE BASIC BUILDING BLOCKS OF A LIVING ORGANISM
THEN YOU USE THOSE AS THE MATERIALS TO CREATE A HELIX DISK. AND THAT'S WHERE YOU RECORD THE INFORMATION OF THE LIVING ORGANISM YOU'RE TRYING TO CREATE. THIS PART IS A TAD DIFFICULT, SINCE YOU HAVE TO USE SOME CREATIVITY
ONCE YOU CAN START COPYING THINGS WITH THE HELIX DISK, YOU'RE PRETTY MUCH FINISHED. FROM THEN ON, THEY'LL TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES. ONCE YOU GET ENOUGH OF THEM, THEN YOU PUT THEM IN A METEORITE-TYPE CAPSULE AND SEND THEM OFF TO ACCELERATED TIME-SPACE
OH, AND DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OFF "EVOLVE" ON THE OPTIONS
FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, SHE HAD NO INTENTION OF DOING GOOD DEEDS LIKE HEALING THE SICK WITH HER NATURAL-BORN POWER OF LIFE
Eager to win the battle, of course
SHE'D DO ANYTHING TO ACHIEVE HER AMBITION, AND HER OWN ABILITY WAS THE GREATEST TOOL FOR HER IN ACHIEVING THAT GOAL.
THAT'S A LOT EASIER SAID THAN DONE!
IT WAS SOMETHING ONLY A GODDESS COULD DO.
THE ABILITY TO CREATE NEW LIFE WAS A SPECIAL PRIVILEGE HELD BY THE GODS..
ARIATE CREATORS CAN BE BONDED TOGETHER WITH A SMALL AMOUNT OF ELECTRIC CURRENT, BUT A CELL MADE IN THAT FASHION DOES NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO SUSTAIN LIFE

THE FIRST FRUIT BORN OF LADY EOMAIA'S DETAILED PLAN WAS THE CULMINATION OF HER SKILL AND HER DESIRE FOR POWER.
A LIVING WEAPON.

THERE'S SOME BIG BIRD-LIKE OBJECT FLYING THIS WAY. IT'S WAY BIGGER THAN GORGON!


DO YOU SEE ANYTHING? WE'RE ALMOST THERE.
I CAN'T SEE WELL DURING THE DAYTIME. YOU KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN.

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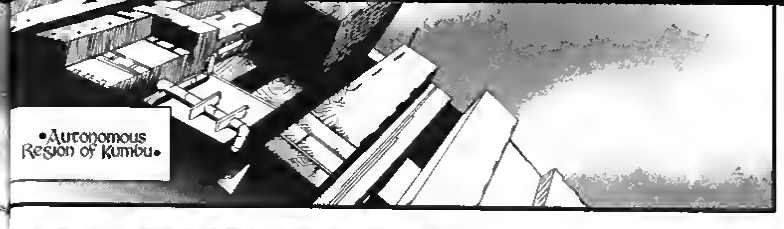
ODD. THE FIFTH WORLD HAS NO NATIVE FLYING SPECIES.
GORGON IS FROM THE FOURTH WORLD, AND HE HAD THE SKY TO HIMSELF.
IF IT'S NOT GORGON, THEN...

...?!!
WHO'S THIS FLY...?
WHY DOES HE SEEM SO FAMILIAR?
OKAY, HERE I GO!
I'M JD! IF YOU'RE ONE OF EOMAIA'S CREATURES, THEN FIGHT ME!
I'M THE ONE WHO KILLED YOUR MAN IN THE JADE REGION!
WHO DARES BLOCK MY PATH?
HE SEEMS FAMILIAR..
I DON'T CARE WHO DID THAT, BUT THAT NAME--
NOW I REMEMBER.
IT'S THE KID ZAHA WAS GOING AFTER BEFORE HIS DEATH.

BUT THAT DOESN'T ACCOUNT FOR WHY I FEEL I'VE SEEN HIM SOMEWHERE I'M SURE THIS IS THE FIRST TIME, SO WHY AM I GETTING THIS FEELING?
THAT'S RIGHT! I'M THE GREAT MAGICIAN GRIFFORD'S GRANDSON!
Eh?
BOOM!
WHY DID YOU KILL IT, JD? DID YOU FORGET THE PLAN?!
BUT I DIDN'T PUT THAT MUCH POWER INTO IT
MORE LIKE IT DIDN'T EVEN TRY DODGING...
HMM?

I SEE THE REGENERATION GENES KICKED IN.
IT'S COMPLETELY HEALED?
WHERE'S IT SHOOTING?!
MY, MY. I HAD BETTER TWEAK ITS AIMING ABILITIES. WELL, I'LL JUST SIT BACK FOR NOW AND SEE HOW THIS PLAYS OUT.
WAAH!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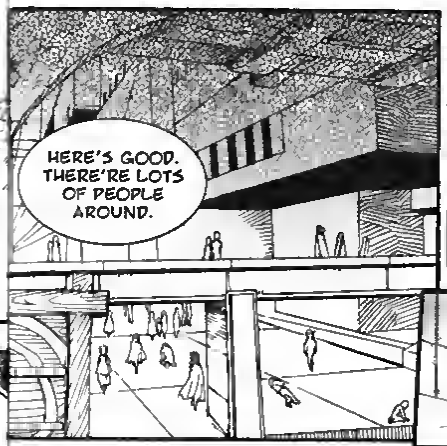
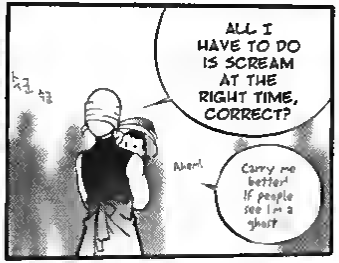
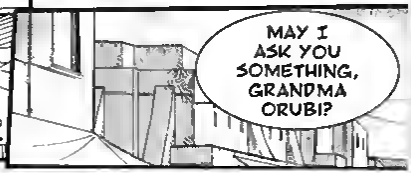
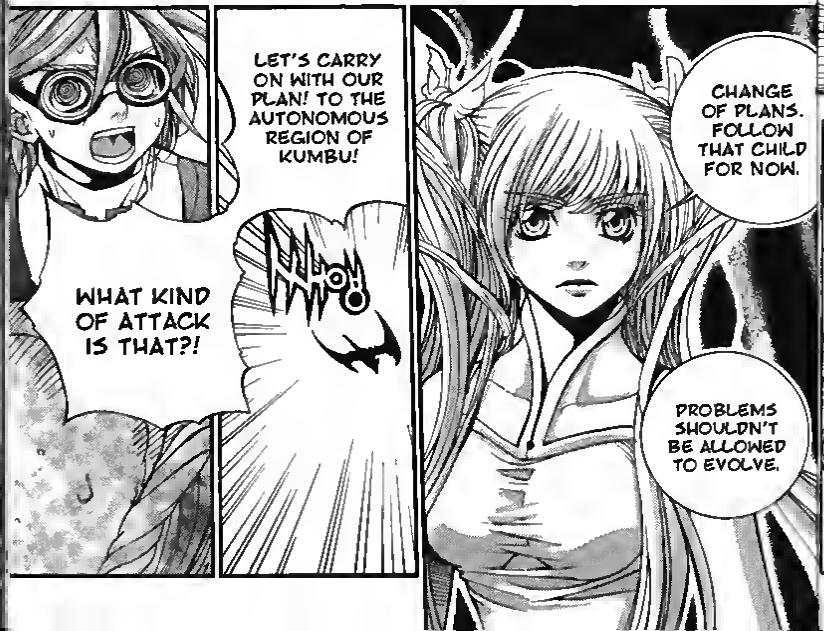
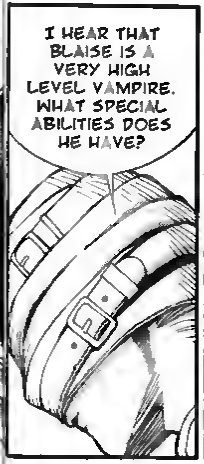

HERE'S GOOD. THERE'RE LOTS OF PEOPLE AROUND.

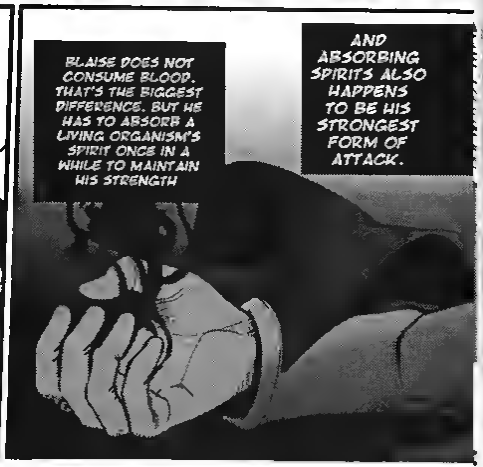

ALL I HAVE TO DO IS SCREAM AT THE RIGHT TIME, CORRECT?
Ahem!
Carry me better! If people see I'm a ghost


MAY I ASK YOU SOMETHING, GRANDMA ORUBI?


LET'S CARRY ON WITH OUR PLAN! TO THE AUTONOMOUS REGION OF KUMBU!
WHAT KIND OF ATTACK IS THAT?!
CHANGE OF PLANS. FOLLOW THAT CHILD FOR NOW.
PROBLEMS SHOULDN'T BE ALLOWED TO EVOLVE.

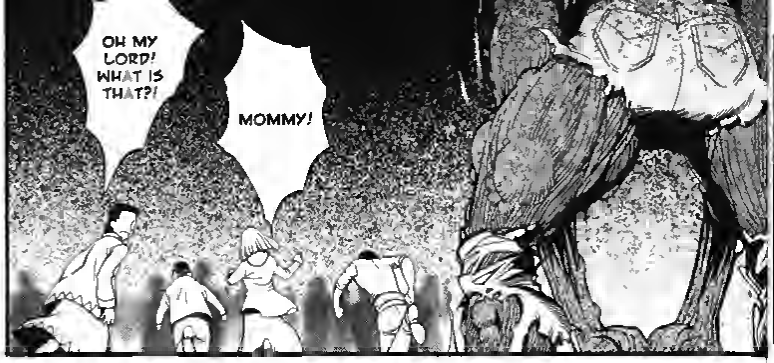

I HEAR THAT BLAISE IS A VERY HIGH LEVEL VAMPIRE. WHAT SPECIAL ABILITIES DOES HE HAVE?

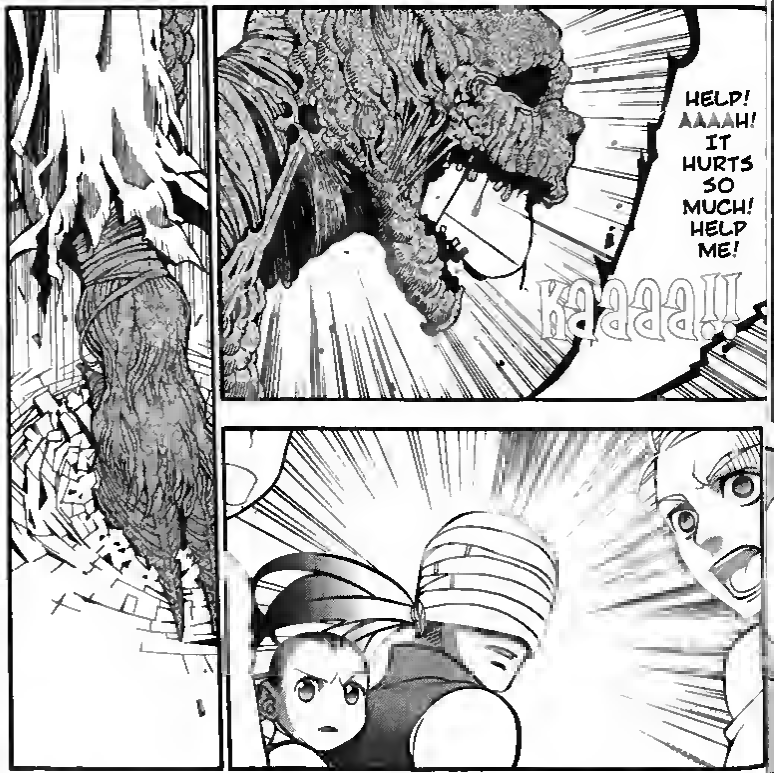
YOU SAW ALREADY, DIDN'T YOU? WHEN THAT ZAHA ATTACKED.

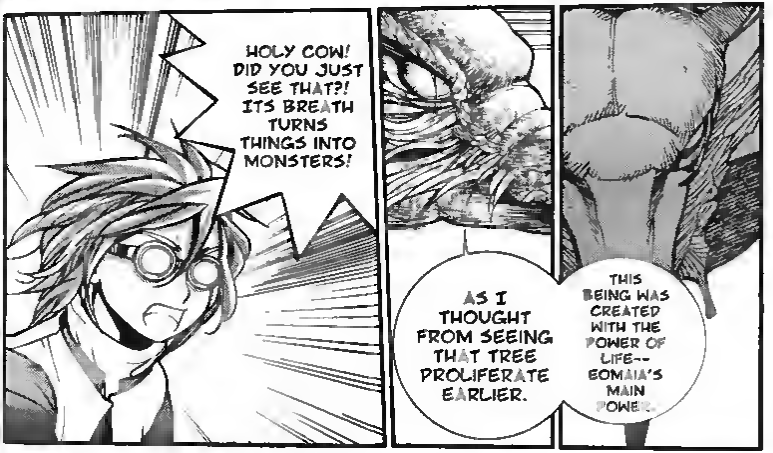

BLAISE DOES NOT CONSUME BLOOD. THAT'S THE BIGGEST DIFFERENCE. BUT HE HAS TO ABSORB A LIVING ORGANISM'S SPIRIT ONCE IN A WHILE TO MAINTAIN HIS STRENGTH
AND ABSORBING SPIRITS ALSO HAPPENS TO BE HIS STRONGEST FORM OF ATTACK.

LOOK OVER THERE!
HERE THEY COME! GET READY!
AAAAAAH!!

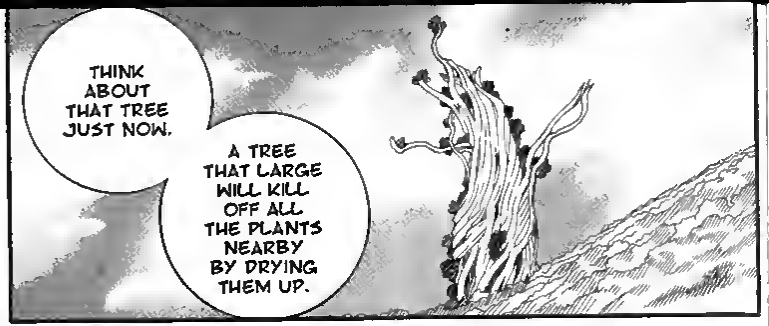
DO SOMETHING, OR ELSE IT'S GOING TO CATCH UP TO US!
KNUCKLE BLADE!
LOOK OUT! SOMETHING'S COMING THIS WAY!
Flash
WHAT WAS THAT?
...
HE SEEMS OKAY.
!!!
NO USE! IT REGENERATES TOO QUICKLY!
KAAAGH

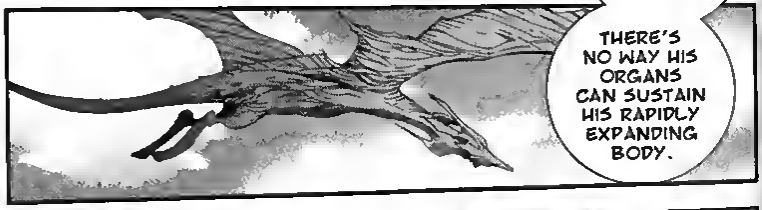

OH MY LORD! WHAT IS THAT?!
MOMMY!


HELP! AAAAH! IT HURTS SO MUCH! HELP ME!
Kaaaa!!


HOLY COW! DID YOU JUST SEE THAT?! ITS BREATH TURNS THINGS INTO MONSTERS!
AS I THOUGHT FROM SEEING THAT TREE PROLIFERATE EARLIER.
THIS BEING WAS CREATED WITH THE POWER OF LIFE-- GOMAIA'S MAIN POWER.

THE MAN BELOW DIDN'T TURN INTO A MONSTER. HIS CELLS GREW RAPIDLY AND TRANSFORMED HIM INTO SOMETHING NEW.
SHE'S CREATED A WEAPON OF DESTRUCTION WITH THE POWER OF LIFE.





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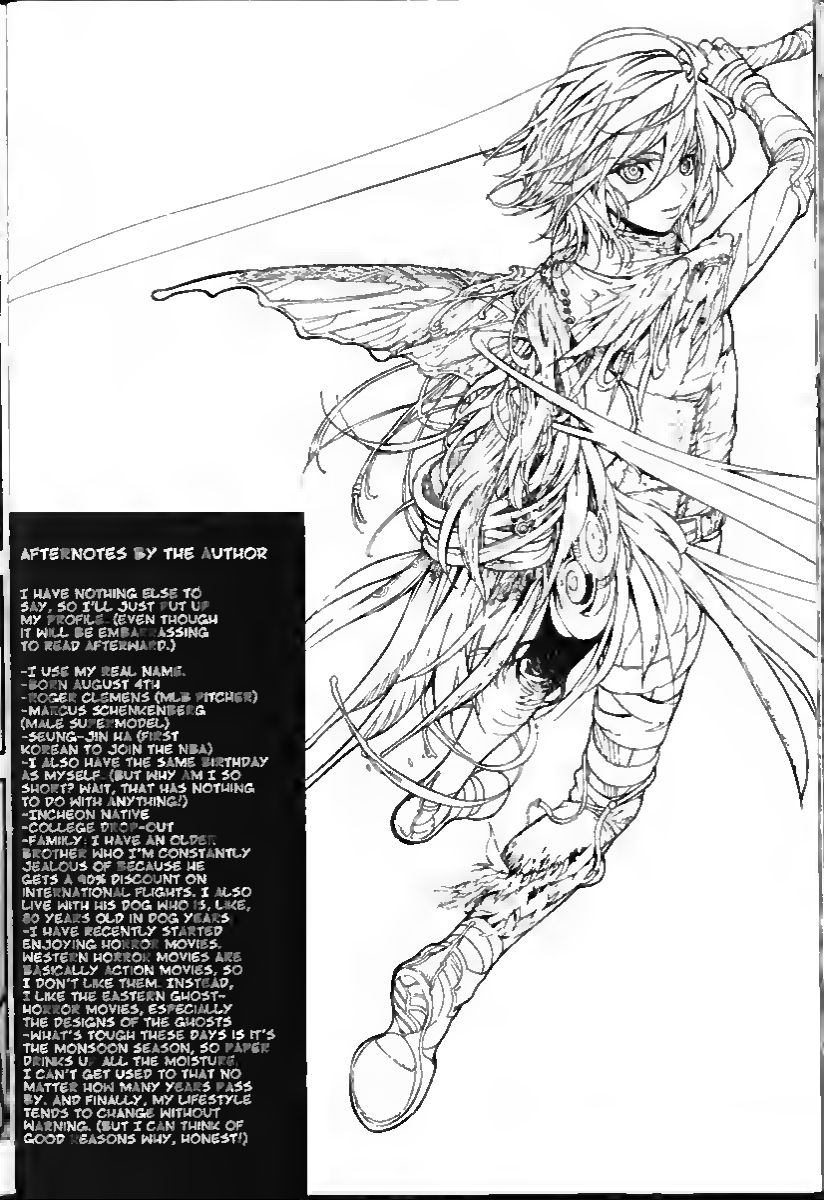

## AFTERNOTES BY THE AUTHOR

I HAVE NOTHING ELSE TO SAY, SO I'LL JUST PUT UP MY PROFILE. (EVEN THOUGH IT WILL BE EMBARRASSING TO READ AFTERWARD.)

-I USE MY REAL NAME.
-BORN AUGUST 4TH
-ROGER CLEMENS (MLB PITCHER)
-MARCUS SCHENKENBERG (MALE SUPERMODEL)
-SEUNG-JIN HA (FIRST KOREAN TO JOIN THE NBA)
-I ALSO HAVE THE SAME BIRTHDAY AS MYSELF. (BUT WHY AM I SO SHORT? WAIT, THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ANYTHING!)
-INCHEON NATIVE
-COLLEGE DROP-OUT
-FAMILY: I HAVE AN OLDER BROTHER WHO I'M CONSTANTLY JEALOUS OF BECAUSE HE GETS A 90% DISCOUNT ON INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS. I ALSO LIVE WITH HIS DOG WHO IS, LIKE, 80 YEARS OLD IN DOG YEARS
-I HAVE RECENTLY STARTED ENJOYING HORROR MOVIES. WESTERN HORROR MOVIES ARE BASICALLY ACTION MOVIES, SO I DON'T LIKE THEM. INSTEAD, I LIKE THE EASTERN GHOST-HORROR MOVIES, ESPECIALLY THE DESIGNS OF THE GHOSTS
-WHAT'S TOUGH THESE DAYS IS IT'S THE MONSOON SEASON, SO PAPER DRINKS U_ ALL THE MOISTURE. I CAN'T GET USED TO THAT NO MATTER HOW MANY YEARS PASS BY. AND FINALLY, MY LIFESTYLE TENDS TO CHANGE WITHOUT WARNING. (BUT I CAN THINK OF GOOD REASONS WHY, HONEST!)

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